

QUESTION 1 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK I

Dan Dechini is on trial for the murder of Cameron Cole, Dechini's arch nemesis and primary sales competitor to Dechini's narcotics empire. According to the prosecutor's theory, Dechini opened fire on Cole as he left a local pizzeria on a Tuesday evening in September. Dechini plans to present an alibi defense to the jury, claiming that he was tango dancing at a club with his longtime girlfriend, Kelli Kolada.

The trial prosecutor, Amber Starr, wants to present several pieces of evidence in the trial against Dechini. First, during preliminary plea discussions with the prosecution, Dechini offered to turn over the murder weapon in exchange for a reduced charge. Second, the prosecutor plans to call Miguel Morales, a third-grade special education student who speaks no English, to testify that he saw Dechini's vehicle leaving the pizzeria parking lot at a high rate of speed the evening of the murder. The prosecutor plans to use Miguel's mother, Carolina, to interpret during Miguel's testimony. Third, the prosecutor plans to call Circuit Judge York, who overheard Dechini coaching Kelli Kolada in the courthouse corridor regarding his alibi defense concerning their evening of tango dancing.

Utilizing the Michigan Rules of Evidence, assess the admissibility of the prosecutor's evidence. Explain your answer.

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