

QUESTION 8 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK III

One afternoon, David Dogowner returned home from work to find that the gate to his backyard was open and that his beloved Scottish terrier, Murphy, had escaped. He quickly made "lost dog" signs to post around the neighborhood containing his contact information, a picture of Murphy, and the words "\$50 Cash Reward for Murphy's Return."

Felix Finder noticed one of David's signs while he was out for his nightly walk a couple of blocks from David's home. As soon as he turned the next corner, he saw a Scottish terrier sitting on the sidewalk by itself. The terrier ran over to Felix. It wore a collar that contained a tag listing David's name, address, and phone number.

Felix picked Murphy up and started walking toward David's address. On his way to David's, he stopped to pick up a man's gold wedding ring that he noticed on the sidewalk. The ring had no identifying marks on it. Felix pocketed the ring and kept walking.

Shortly thereafter, Felix arrived at David's house. David immediately identified Murphy as his dog and was excited to see that Murphy was safe. However, David got indignant when Felix asked about the \$50 reward. He refused to pay and instead demanded that Felix return Murphy without any reward. Felix told David that he would only return Murphy if David paid him the reward, to which David threatened legal action to force Murphy's return.

Assess Felix's rights under Michigan law as they pertain to (1) the dispute over the dog and reward money, and (b) the ring. Explain your answers.

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