

## NOF Mock Trial

### Fact Pattern:

#### **Candyland**

#### **V.**

#### **Lord Licorice**

On January 23rd, Queen Frostine woke to a shocking sight: her peppermint palace was smeared in sticky red licorice from roof to doorstep. Immediately, the Candy Land police force arrived and took a photo of the crime scene (Exhibit One). Due to the red and black licorice, police immediately suspected Lord Licorice, the bitter ex-Candy Land ruler known for his obsession with turning Candy Land into his own “Licorice Kingdom.”

With a clear motive, on January 24th, 2025, police searched Lord Licorice's home, which yielded no evidence. However, substantial evidence of tools and licorice matching the licorice from the crime scene was found in his car (Exhibit Two). This evidence provided probable cause for his arrest.

The state has charged Lord Licorice with vandalism and destruction of property. The defendant pleads not guilty. The defense asserts that the state's evidence is purely circumstantial and that the police failed to complete a thorough investigation, overlooking a key suspect: Lord Licorice's ex-wife, Lady Licorice. She also wants to turn Candy Land into Licorice Land. The defense intends to argue that her motive to frame Lord Licorice stemmed from a prior dispute while they were married.

While many questions remain unanswered, one is clear: whoever committed this crime acted with intent to vandalize and must be held accountable under Candy Land law.

## **Witness Statements**

### **Plaintiff Witness 1 – Princess Lolly**

“Hello, my name is Princess Lolly. I have served as a senior Candy Land investigator for over 15 years. On January 23rd, 2025, I was among the first to arrive at Queen Frostine’s peppermint palace after it had been vandalized. Upon examination of the scene (Exhibit One), I observed that the palace was smeared in red and black licorice from roof to doorstep. Based on my experience with Candy Land criminal activity, this type of vandalism is consistent with methods previously employed by Lord Licorice, who has a documented history of attempting to turn Candy Land into his own ‘Licorice Kingdom.’ The timing, method, and materials used strongly suggest a deliberate act of property destruction by the defendant.

It should be noted, however, that during the investigation, we did not consider Lady Licorice as a potential suspect, despite her known history with the defendant and her public statements expressing a desire to cover buildings in licorice. It seemed unlikely to me and a waste of public services to look into someone who clearly didn’t do it. ”

### **Plaintiff Witness 2 – Mr. Minty**

“My name is Mr. Minty, and I serve as a Candy Land forensic analyst specializing in confectionery materials. I was tasked with analyzing the licorice and tools found related to the January 23rd incident. Upon examination, I determined that the licorice and items such as scissors and spreaders found in Lord Licorice’s car (Exhibit Two) could have been used to smear the licorice across Queen Frostine’s palace. The type and composition of the licorice in the car match that found at the crime scene (Exhibit One). In my professional opinion, this evidence provides substantial support that Lord Licorice had the means and opportunity to commit the vandalism.”

## **Witness Statements**

### **Defense Witness 1 – Sir Gumdrop**

“Good day. My name is Sir Gumdrop. I have served as a Candy Land legal consultant for the past three years. I was asked to review the case against Lord Licorice. After examining all exhibits, including the palace photo (Exhibit One) and the tools and licorice in Lord Licorice’s car (Exhibit Two), I found no direct evidence proving he smeared licorice on the palace himself. Additionally, the investigation overlooked a key suspect: Lady Licorice. Based on her social media post (Exhibit Three), she has expressed a desire to cover buildings in licorice, saying it is depressing to look at buildings that are black and grey. In my professional opinion, the evidence is circumstantial and does not conclusively prove Lord Licorice’s guilt.”

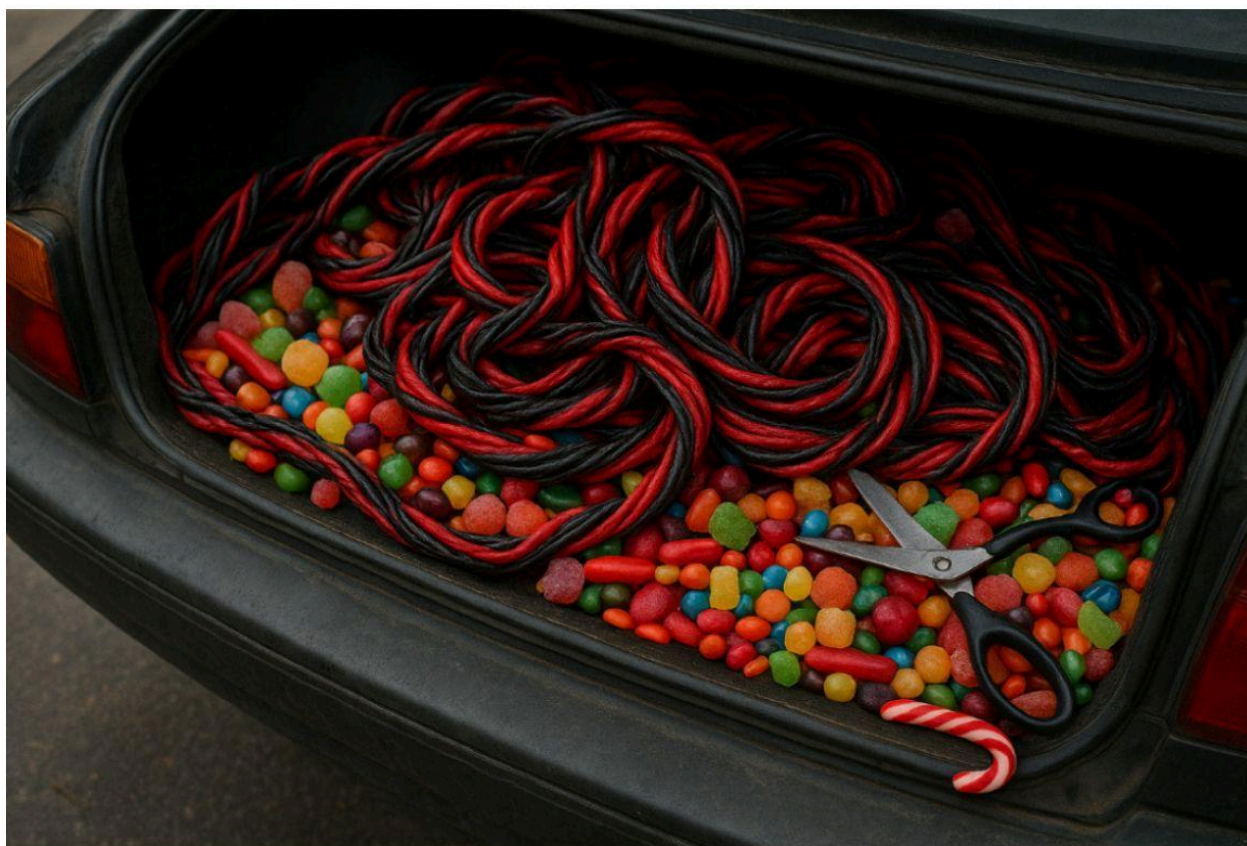
### **Defense Witness 2 – King Kandy**

“My name is King Kandy, and I have overseen Candy Land law enforcement operations for over a decade. After reviewing the investigation and all exhibits, I observed that while licorice was found in Lord Licorice’s car (Exhibit Two), there is no direct evidence linking him to the act of vandalism shown in Exhibit One. Importantly, Lady Licorice was never investigated as a suspect, despite public statements (Exhibit Three) indicating a personal preference for covering buildings in licorice. In my professional judgment, the state’s investigation was incomplete, and reasonable doubt exists regarding the true perpetrator of the vandalism.”

# Exhibit 1



## Exhibit 2






## Exhibit 3



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