

**Case:** Robin Hood is accused of **armed robbery**

## Case Outline

The Sheriff of Nottingham claims Robin Hood attacked him when he was riding in Sherwood Forest. He says he shot arrows at his horse which caused it to collapse and then said he would kill him if he didn't give him his money. He says that he took all the money the Sheriff was carrying; £500.

**Date of Incident:** 24th June 1540

**Location of Incident:** Sherwood Forest

**Time of Incident:** 10pm

## Defendant Profile: Robin Hood

- **Age:** 28
- **Occupation:** Outlaw/ Charity Worker
- **Personal Life:** Robin Hood has no home or address. According to reports he lives in the forest with a group of friends who he calls the 'merry men', and his fiancée, Maid Marian. He regularly is charitable and gives a lot of money to people who need it.



## Victim Profile:

- **Age:** 43
- **Occupation:** The Sheriff of Nottingham
- **Personal Life:** The Sheriff of Nottingham lives in a mansion in the city of Nottingham. He has recently increased a lot of taxes and made people pay much more money to him. Six months ago he asked Maid Marian to marry him, but she said no.



## Facts related to the Case:

- The Sheriff of Nottingham has accused Robin Hood of 8 crimes before (disturbing the peace). None have been successful.
- Most people in Nottingham have no money and can't afford more than 1 meal a day.
- The Sheriff of Nottingham has increased taxes every year for the last 10 years. Each year he has promised that this will be the last increase and that he will provide better schools and services – he hasn't done this.

**Additional information to use in the trial.**

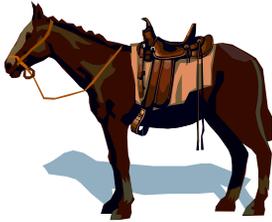
**Evidence relating to the Incident**



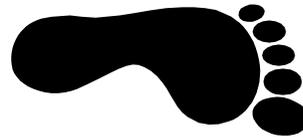
A bow was found in the forest, where the Sheriff said he was attacked. It had R.H. engraved on it.



The chest of money that the sheriff was carrying was found in Robin Hood's and the Merry Men's camp.



The Sheriff's horse only has a minor injury from an arrow and is now completely fine.



A footprint matching Robin Hood's was found at the scene of the attack.

**Witnesses Present**

- **Little John:** He claims he was with Robin Hood at the time of the incident, visiting a poor village in the forest, giving them food. He also says Robin Hood would never be so silly to engrave arrows, and would never miss and not successfully kill a horse.
- **Adam (The Sheriff's servant):** He was in the sheriff's house when the sheriff returned. He says the sheriff was very upset and angry, and told his men they immediately had to go to the scene of the crime to collect evidence.

**In the trial:**

- Use 2 pieces of evidence.
- You can question 1 witness.