

High School Mock Trial 2021
State of Buckeye v. Micah Opressa
Errata Sheet

Please note:

The errata sheet serves to clarify or correct errors in the Mock Trial case and/or rules, and does not address team strategy, coaching, or judging protocol. If a question received does not meet the criteria for Errata (e.g. pertains to an evidence question), an email response will be sent to the individual advisor.

Errata 10/20/2020

1. The case file describes the second plea deal of voluntary manslaughter as both a 5-year and a 10-year sentence. Which is correct?

There is an error in the case file regarding the second plea offer of voluntary manslaughter. The plea offer of voluntary manslaughter came with a 10-year sentence. Please note the following changes:

- The last sentence of the first paragraph of the case introduction on page 8 of the case file has an incorrect statement. The sentence should read “When the prosecutor offered Micah a new deal of voluntary manslaughter with a **10-year** sentence, Micah decided to take the deal.” (emphasis added to show correction)
- The first paragraph of the prosecution brief on page 64 of the case file has an incorrect statement. The sentence should read “They were sentenced to **ten (10)** years in prison.” (emphasis added to show correction)
- Line 171 of Micah Opressa’s statement on page 80 has an incorrect statement. The line should read “**10** years in prison.” (emphasis added to show correction)

2. Lines 118-119 of Justice Okafor’s statement seem to be incorrect and/or incomplete. Please clarify.

There is an error in lines 118-119 of Justice Okafor’s statement on page 99 of the case file. The sentence should read “When I reviewed the notes it seemed like **Abrams** was nervous about testifying because they weren’t totally sure Opressa was the person they saw the night of Haumea’s **murder**.” (emphasis added to show correction)

3. Was Micah properly informed of their rights prior to being questioned?

Yes, Micah was notified of their Miranda rights prior to being questioned and no Miranda violations are alleged.