

Friends Alex and Brian hatched a plan to break into a co-worker's home after overhearing Cara discuss her travel plans for the weekend. Both knew that Cara owned an extensive musical library and plenty of the newest electronics. Alex and Brian agreed they would meet at Alex's place on Friday at midnight and then drive over to Cara's.

On Friday Brian arrived at Alex's with his brother Drew. Alex initially resisted including Drew in the plan as the loot would have to be split three ways. However, when Brian explained that Drew had brought tools that could be useful to break into the home, Alex reluctantly agreed to bring Drew along.

Alex drove the three over to Cara's house and parked in her deserted driveway. As Brian and Drew quietly got out of the vehicle, Alex sat frozen in the driver's seat of his car. "You guys go ahead and get the stuff and I'll keep an eye out here," Alex whispered. Brian reminded Alex that the house was empty and chided him for being a "sissy" but Alex remained in the car as Brian and Drew began to pry open a first floor window. *trespassing*

Once inside, Brian and Drew crept into the den and began to deposit Cara's compact discs and record albums into a bag. At that moment, Cara's 15-year-old brother Evan who was house-sitting snuck up behind Brian and clubbed him in the head with a baseball bat, knocking him out cold. Drew, who was double the size of the teen, was able to overpower Evan and proceeded to beat him with the bat, striking the boy over 20 times.

Throwing his knocked-out brother over his shoulder and grabbing the two bags of Cara's music, Drew made his way back to Alex who was still waiting in the car. Although Brian was still out cold, Alex did not ask Drew any questions and quickly sped away. *Robbery*

Less than a mile from Cara's house the three were pulled over when Alex drove through a red light. Officer Frey connected the men to an emergency alarm that had been set off at Cara's home as Evan had alerted the home security company before confronting the men. Alex, Brian, and Drew were arrested. The next day Evan died as a result of the injuries he had incurred.

Discuss the potential charges Alex, Brian, and Drew could face as well as any defenses they might have.