

Regina V. Dudley and Stephens, 14 Q.B.D. 273 (1884)

Questions

Was the murder of Parker intentional? Premeditated? And were Dudley and Stephens fully aware of the moral nature of their act?

Did Dudley commit murder? How do you know? Where in the opinion is murder defined?

Did Stephens commit murder? Did Brooks?

What is the legal question the court seeks to answer?

What precedent does the court consult to reach its decision?

Which precedent is most helpful to the Defendants?

How does the Court decide which precedent to follow?

Why does the court rule Dudley & Stephens committed murder despite the necessity of taking Parker's life?