

# Criminal Law Unit 11

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Yasin M. Garnett.



## Instructions:

1. Read the text.
2. Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.

- Competent
- Effective
- Fire
- Murder
- Arson
- Adult
- Rejected
- Serious
- Life
- Juvenile

In 1984, a girl named Garnett was only 14 years old. She was accused of starting a (1) \_\_\_ that caused the death of two children. Because of this, she was charged with serious crimes like (2) \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ (3).

Even though she was a minor, the court decided to try her as an (4) \_\_\_\_. At the end of the trial, she was found guilty and received a sentence of (5) \_\_\_ in prison, plus 20 to 40 more years.

Later, Garnett appealed her case. She said her lawyer was not (6) \_\_\_ and did not do a good job.

One important issue was her mental condition. Some doctors believed she was not (7) \_\_\_ to stand trial, while others believed she was. However, the court decided she was able to understand the trial.

Garnett also argued that she should be judged in the (8) \_\_\_ system instead of the adult court. The court disagreed because the crime was very (9) \_\_\_.

In the end, the court (10) \_\_\_ her appeal, and her sentence stayed the same.