

PEOPLE V. WOODY (TOY STORY)

BAILIFF: All rise. Please come to order. Court is now in session.

COURT: Who represents the District Attorney?

DA: _____ for the People, Your Honor.

COURT: Who represents the defendant, Woody?

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: _____ for the Defense, Your
Honor.

COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the defendant is charged with 1 count of kidnap, a violation of Penal Code Section 207: Every person who forcibly, or by any other means of creating fear, takes, holds or detains any person is guilty of kidnaping.

Woody is accused of pushing Buzz Lightyear out the window and preventing Buzz' return to Andy's room.

The defendant, Woody of Toy Story, pleads NOT GUILTY.

Your job as jurors will be to listen to the witnesses and decide whether this defendant is guilty or not guilty.

The Defendant is presumed to be innocent.

COURT: _____ (DA), you may call your first witness.

DA: Your Honor, the People call Sgt. Soldier.

CLERK: [Clerk raises right hand]
Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

SOLDIER: I do. [witness takes the stand]

DA: What is your name?

SOLDIER: Soldier, sir.

DA: What is your rank?

SOLDIER: Sergeant.

DA: Do you know Woody?

SOLDIER: Yesss, sir! [spoken like a true soldier]

DA: Did you have contact with the defendant Woody, on the day of Andy's birthday party?

SOLDIER: Affirmative.

DA: What was the nature of your contact?

SOLDIER: We were conducting a reconnaissance mission. Every year, Andy's toys become agitated on the anniversary of his birth.

DA: Why is that?

SOLDIER: [deep voice]. With all due respect sir, concern over possible infiltration of new recruits.

DA: What new recruits?

SOLDIER: You see sir, Andy's toys enlist the aid of my men to uncover any potential threatening new toy joining Andy's room.

DA: Were there any new toys given to Andy on his most recent birthday?

SOLDIER: Yes, sir. Space Ranger, Buzz Lightyear, sir.

DA: Was Woody informed of the identity of the new toy?

SOLDIER: Affirmative.

DA: What, if anything, was Woody's response to the news of the new toy?

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Calls for hearsay, Your Honor.

DA: It would be an admission, Your Honor.

COURT: Overruled.

SOLDIER: Woody said, “Oh no, anything but that!”

DA: No further questions.

COURT: [looking at defense counsel] _____ your witness.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: What was your location during the mission?

SOLDIER: I was stationed at the northern perimeter where I could observe presents being opened.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Did you have direct communication with Woody?

SOLDIER: Affirmative.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: In what manner?

SOLDIER: Via monitor.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: From your position, could you observe Woody’s reaction to the Buzz Lightyear toy?

SOLDIER: Negative.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Have you had occasion to inform Woody of new toys previous to Andy’s most current birthday?

DA: Objection. Irrelevant, Your Honor.

COURT: Overruled. You may respond.

SOLDIER: Yes, sir. His response was of a similar nature, sir.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL And isn't it true that Woody would say that about every new toy Andy received?

DA: [stated loudly and vigorously] Objection.

COURT: Overruled.

SOLDIER: Every time, sir.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: No further questions.

COURT: [to DA]. Your next witness

DA: The People call Mr. Potato Head to the stand.

CLERK: [clerk raises right hand]
Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. P: I do. [witness takes the stand]

DA: What is your name for the record?

MR. P: Mr. Potato Head.

DA: Are you married?

MR. P: Yes, to Mrs. Potato Head.

DA: Do you have a family?

MR. P: We have 3 spuds. The oldest is Bud.

DA: Would you call yourself a close friend of Woody's?

MR. P: Yes.

DA: And a friend of Buzz Lightyear?

MR. P: Yes.

DA: Were Woody and Buzz friends?

MR. P: Yes, although Woody had to adjust to Buzz being Andy's new favorite toy.

DA: Were you present on the day Buzz disappeared from Andy's room?

MR. P: I sure was.

DA: What do you remember?

MR. P: We were all having a good time. Buzz was insisting that he could fly and Woody kept on insisting he couldn't. The next thing I knew, Buzz was gone -- out the open window.

DA: What happened?

MR. P: Well, Buzz was near the window ledge when, all of a sudden, I see Woody leaning out the window crying out, "Buzz, Buzz."

DA: What did you say to Woody?

MR. P: I said, “Are you trying to get rid of Buzz?”

DA: What did the Mr. Perfect cowboy say to you when you accused him?

MR. P: Woody cried out, “I DID NOT PUSH HIM OUT!!

DA: Your witness.

COURT: Cross-Examination.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Potato Head, isn't it true that you didn't believe Woody when he denied pushing Buzz out the window?

MR. P: It was difficult to believe him because Buzz had disappeared.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Isn't it true, after Buzz disappeared out of Andy's bedroom window, Woody went after him?

MR. P: Yes.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: At any point in time, did you have occasion to look out the window?

MR. P: Right after Woody went out the window.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Did you see Buzz' body lying on the ground?

MR. P: No.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL:

Did you see Woody?

MR. P:

I didn't see either one.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL:

Isn't it true that although Buzz and Woody disappeared out of Andy's window, they both returned a few days later?

MR. P:

That's true.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL:

And that Buzz had no visible injuries on him?

MR. P:

Not that I saw. He did have a broken wing.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL:

Possibly caused by the initial fall from Andy's window, right?

DA:

Objection. Calls for speculation.

COURT:

Sustained.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL:

Isn't it true that when Buzz and Woody returned from Sid's house, they became even better friends?

MR. P:

Yes.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL:

No one has ever spoken of that incident since, have they?

MR. P:

No.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: No other questions.

COURT: Redirect.

DA: Yes. Did it appear to you that Buzz went through the window willingly?

MR. P: Not according to my POTATO eyes.

DA: Did Buzz give you any reason to believe that he was unhappy at Andy's?

MR. P: No.

DA: No further questions.

COURT: Next witness.

DA: The People call Buzz Lightyear.

CLERK: [clerk raises right hand]

Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

BUZZ: I do. [witness takes the stand]

DA: Please state your name for the record.

BUZZ: Buzz Lightyear.

DA: What is your occupation?

BUZZ: I am a space ranger whose mission is to rendezvous with Star Command.

DA: Did anything unusual happen to you recently, you know, like being pushed out of a window by Woody?

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Objection, leading.

COURT: Sustained.

DA: What happened to you?

BUZZ: You mean the fall out of the window? I must have hit my head on the ground below because all I remember is saying, "To infinity and beyond!" The next thing I know, I'm at Sid's house with his dog, Scud, looking at me as if he wanted to eat me for lunch.

DA: You don't remember Woody pushing you out of the window and kidnaping you?

BUZZ: No.

DA: I get it. You're trying to protect Woody.

BUZZ: If that's a question, the answer is "no." You'll just have to rely on the eyewitnesses.

DA: No further questions.

COURT: Cross-examination.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Isn't it a fact that Woody helped you escape from the hands

of Andy's cruel and twisted neighbor, Sid?

BUZZ: Yes.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Aren't you close friends with Woody now?

BUZZ: Yes.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: And a friend like Woody wouldn't do something so awful as pushing you out the window and kidnaping you, would he?

BUZZ: I don't know. I wouldn't think so.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: No further questions.

COURT: Re-direct.

DA: Don't you think it's more than a coincidence that since Woody has been arrested, he has chosen to become your new best friend?

BUZZ: [looking at Woody and spoken hesitantly and without confidence] N-o-o-o.

DA: No further questions. The People rest.

COURT: Does the defense wish to present any witnesses?

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Yes, Your Honor. The Defense calls Bo Peep.

CLERK: [clerk raises right hand]
Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

BO PEEP: I do. (witness takes the stand]

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Please state your name for the record.

BO PEEP: My name is Bo Peep.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: What is your occupation?

BO PEEP: I gather sheep but seem to have a nasty habit of losing them.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Do you know the defendant, Woody?

BO PEEP: Yes, I do. He's one of the bravest cowboys around.

DA: Objection. Non responsive.

COURT: Overruled.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Were you present in Andy's room on the date of this occurrence?

BO PEEP: Yes, I was. I was preparing my income tax return and in the process of writing off losses due to missing sheep when I saw a commotion by the window.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: What did you see?

BO PEEP: All of the toys were circling around Woody and saying all these mean things to him.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: What did you hear?

BO PEEP: All kinds of yelling and screaming. Like when Andy's mom comes up to his room to find toys for a garage sale. There was panic everywhere.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Do you know what happened to Buzz?

BO PEEP: No, and I don't think any of the toys did.

DA: Objection.

COURT: Overruled.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Why do you say that?

BO PEEP: Because I heard Mr. Potato Head questioning everyone about what they saw. And no one seemed to know.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Including Mr. Potato Head?

BO PEEP: Yes, he told me he saw nothing.

DA: Objection.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Goes to impeachment, Your Honor.

COURT: Overruled.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Do you know Woody's reputation in Andy's room for violence?

BO PEEP: Yes.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: What is it?

BO PEEP: He is known as being one of the gentlest toys there is. He may be a cowboy, but he's re-e-al sweet.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: No further questions.

COURT: Cross Examination.

DA: Miss Bo Peep, isn't it true that you are very close friends with Woody?

BO PEEP: What do you mean?

DA: I mean that when Andy was moving, you chose Woody to be your moving buddy?

BO PEEP: I get lost easily, he doesn't, so what's your point?

DA: My point is that you can't be objective because Woody is your boyfriend, isn't he?

BO PEEP: I like him. He's nice. I wouldn't lie for him.

DA: No further questions.

COURT: Your next witness.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: The Defense calls the Defendant, Woody, to the stand.

CLERK: [clerk raises right hand]
Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and
nothing but the truth, so help you God?

DEFENDANT: I do.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Please state your name for the record.
DEFENDANT: Woody, rootin', tootin' cowboy.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Woody, do you understand why you are here?

DEFENDANT: Yes, I'm accused of pushing Buzz out of a window and
kidnaping him.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: Did you?

DEFENDANT: No, sir. [spoken emphatically]

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: But didn't you follow Buzz out the window that fateful day?

DEFENDANT: I did, but only to try and catch Buzz. You see, Buzz couldn't accept that HE WAS A TOY!! He couldn't fly. I knew that. Buzz didn't.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: What happened after you both left Andy's room?

DEFENDANT: I came out of the window right after Buzz did. But by then, Sid's dog, Scud, had Buzz in his mouth.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: What did you do?

DEFENDANT: I followed him to Sid's house. The rest is too awful to talk about.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Did you push Buzz out the window?

DEFENDANT: Never. Buzz can be annoying, but not so bad that I wanted to get rid of him.

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: Did you kidnap Buzz those three days?

DEFENDANT: Absolutely not! [said loudly]

DEFENSE

COUNSEL: No further questions.

COURT: Cross Examination

DA: Thank you, Your Honor. Woody, what is your rank among the toys?

DEFENDANT: Gee, I don't have any official rank, but the toys look up to me as their leader.

DA: And how long have you been their unofficial leader?

DEFENDANT: Since Andy got me as a toy. Couple of years, I guess.

DA: Isn't it true that for each birthday you commanded the toy soldiers to conduct a surveillance of each birthday party?

DEFENDANT: Yes, so?

DA: And you did that because you were afraid that Andy would get a newer, cooler toy?

DEFENDANT: [looks over to his attorney] Do I have to answer that?

[The defense attorney nods, yes].
Well, yeah--but it's not why you think.

DA: Oh really. What DID you think when Buzz appeared?

DEFENDANT: I thought he was snobby!

DA: Did you like it when Andy started taking him everywhere, just like Andy used to take you?

DEFENDANT: [looks at DA warily] No-o-o.

DA: In fact, you were so outraged by your sudden loss of status that you pushed Buzz out of the window, didn't you?

DEFENDANT: Absolutely not.

DA: And you were so angry that Buzz could fly that you broke his

hydraulic wing, didn't you?

DEFENDANT: This is an outrageous lie.

DA: No further questions.

DEFENSE
COUNSEL: The Defense rests.

COURT: Any rebuttal?

DA: No, Your Honor.

COURT: Ladies and Gentlemen of the jury you will now have an opportunity to hear the arguments of the attorneys, starting with the prosecutor,_____.

DA: Thank you, Your Honor.

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, today you have heard evidence of a terrible crime - kidnaping. This is a story of jealousy and betrayal. Sadly, the victim knew the defendant. Buzz Lightyear was everything Woody wasn't - a space-age action figure. He was a hero in the eyes of Andy's toys - Rex, the dinosaur; Hamm, the piggybank; Slinky Dog; and others. Most importantly, he became Andy's favorite toy.

We have motive. Woody just couldn't take being rejected by Andy. Andy played with Buzz now and even took Buzz to the Pizza Planet.

Woody just couldn't handle being "Number Two."

We have opportunity. Woody flew out of the window right after he pushed Buzz. Both disappeared for several days

before Buzz managed to escape from both Sid and Woody.

And we have an eyewitness -- Mr. Potato Head, who has more potato eyes than most of us.

That cowboy must never ride off in the sunset. You must find him GUILTY!!! GUILTY! GUILTY!

COURT: _____

DEFENSE
COUNSEL:

Do you believe this? Why are we here? Do you honestly believe that Woody would ruin his life and his reputation in order to kidnap Buzz Lightyear?

It doesn't make any sense. They're best friends. In fact, Woody sacrificed his own life in order to save Buzz'. Woody went out the window with the clear intent to save Buzz, not kidnap him.

Unfortunately, Buzz suffered amnesia and couldn't remember much. That leaves you with Woody's testimony. And he told you the pushing and the kidnaping never happened. It is a figment of Mr. Potato Head's imagination. Mr. Potato Head took the facts and "mashed" them up so badly that we don't have any idea what he saw and what he made up.

And, ladies and gentlemen, we have the testimony of Bo Peep who told you that Woody has a reputation of being a gentle man. How can you NOT believe her?

There is no evidence of kidnap. Vote not guilty or live with the innocent blood of Woody on your hands forever!

COURT: (final instructions)