Description

Tess and Florence are flatmates. Tess buys a ticket to the theatre for Friday night. She hangs it on the fridge so that she does not forget to attend the play. When Florence goes to grab food from the fridge, she sees the ticket and decides to use it. She intends to reimburse Tess for the price of the ticket. After seeing the play, Florence buys a ticket for the same play, at the same price for the following Friday. Tess is very upset with Florence when she finds out that she has taken and used the ticket.  
The day after Tess finds out that Florence has taken and used the ticket, Tess hears from her mum that her mum’s little dog, Charlie, has died. Tess, who had known Charlie for many years, becomes even more upset and depressed.  
As Tess has not spoken to her in over a week, and unaware of Charlie’s death or Tess’ subsequent depression, Florence decides to speak to Tess to try to restore harmony between them. Being somewhat apprehensive about the meeting, Florence decides to have a couple of strong alcoholic drinks in the pub. One drink leads to another and by the time she sets off for the flat, she is extremely drunk and can hardly walk.  
Tess sits down to the table with Florence and tells her about her depression and her referral to a psychiatrist. Florence is shocked and blames herself for Tess’ condition. Tess then says to Florence: ‘Now I’m going to show you something’ and reaches into her pocket for her mobile phone to show her a photo of Charlie.  
Florence, in a state of drunken confusion, thinks Tess is going to produce a gun or knife to attack her because she took her theatre ticket. In a panic, she picks up a nearby vase and smashes it onto the table. She then uses one of the pieces to hit Tess in the face. Tess suffers a bad cut so that she later requires stitches.  
Advise Florence as to her liability, if any, for criminal offences – including the relevance of any criminal defences.  
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