

Mediation in Criminal Case

DANCE ON THE CAR

Mr Raimonds Ritenis lives in the Old Riga. He keeps his newest model of BMW car near his apartment. One lovely Monday morning he discovers his car visibly scratched – there are damages on the roof and broken mirror. Mr Raimonds Ritenis applies to the police office and writes an application for caused damages to the car. After consultations with the official BMW salon in Riga, he receives cost estimate around EUR 2000. On the very next day the police officers catch the guilty person. She is 16 years young high-school girl Linda Laiva. As the police later discovers during investigation – Linda returned home early in the morning from the club together with her friends. She bet she can dance on the car parked nearby. She didn't know the owner of the car. She didn't want to cause him any damage. She just had a good time and didn't think about possible consequences.

According to Latvian Criminal Law Article 185 (1): “For a person who commits intentional destruction of or damage to property of another, the applicable punishment is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding 2 years, or custodial arrest, or community service, or a penalty fine.”

Liene lives with her mother and younger brother. Liene still has to study 2 years in the high school and after she had plans to apply for summer work in the USA. Any criminal conviction would mean the end of her US work dreams. Her family has no financial means to compensate caused damages.

Mr Raimonds Ritenis is a business man and he believes that this attack on his car was intentionally organized to threaten him because of his pharmacy business actions. He wants to know who organized an attack, why his car was chosen right now. Damages EUR 2000 does not mean him much – instead security is what matters.

Organize mediation session in a criminal case with the following persons:

1. A mediator;
2. Mr Raimonds Ritenis;
3. Miss Linda Laiva.

PARTNERS:

