

From the stylebook:

Murder is malicious, premeditated homicide. Some states define certain homicides as murder if the killing occurs in the course of armed robbery, rape, etc.

Manslaughter is homicide without malice or premeditation.

A person should not be described as a murderer until convicted of the charge.

Unless authorities say premeditation was obvious, do not say that a victim was murdered until someone has been convicted in court. Instead, say that a victim was killed or slain.

In general a **burglary** involves entering a building (not necessarily by breaking in) and remaining unlawfully with the intention of committing a crime.

Larceny is the legal term for the wrongful taking of property. Its nonlegal equivalents are **stealing** or **theft**.

Robbery in the legal sense involves the use of violence or threat in committing larceny.

Theft describes a larceny that did not involve threat, violence or plundering.

USAGE NOTE: You rob a person, bank, house, etc., but you steal the money or the jewels. Cars are stolen

Chevy Not Chevie or Chevvy. This nickname for the Chevrolet should be used only in automobile features or in quoted matter.

Magnum A registered trademark for a type of high-powered cartridge with a larger case and a larger powder charge than other cartridges of approximately the same caliber. The form: a .357 Magnum, a .44 Magnum.

Exercise 8.5: Alpine Shooting

You are a copy editor for the Los Angeles Star. Edit the following news article, written by a stringer, for legal and ethical considerations as well as for style, spelling, grammar, logic, syntax and factual errors. Also correct any awkward writing. Include comments about any information in the story that is incomplete or illogical. Alpine is a small community in the mountains near Los Angeles.

ALPINE – A teenager was arrested Thursday ~~for killing~~ in the death a friend during an argument over who would drive the car they ~~has had allegedly~~ just ~~robbed~~ stolen.

Bobby Baston, 15, shot Paul Carlswell, 14, in the parking lot of North High School, where they had driven a car they took from a ~~7-11~~ 7-Eleven store, police Detective Bob Chavez said.

The car belonged to Martha Katz, ~~of 345 Eighteenth Street~~, Mountain View. ~~Ms. Katz, who is black, admitted to cops~~ told police that she left her keys in her '94 ~~Chevy~~ Chevrolet Camaro when she ran into the store ~~to buy a six pack~~.

“I wasn’t ~~gonna going to~~ be gone that long, and shouldn’t have to worry about thieves,” she ~~contended~~ said.

With Carlswell ~~Paul~~ driving, the two ~~thieves~~ teens took the car back to their high school to show to friends, ~~Police Deet. Bob~~ Chavez said.

~~Deet.~~ Chavez said the boys found a loaded ~~magnum 44~~ .44 Magnum pistol in the car’s glove box, ~~When and when~~ Paul Carlswell refused to let ~~Bobby Baston~~ drive the car, Baston ~~Bobby~~ grabbed the gun and shot Carlswell ~~Paul~~.

The two ~~boys~~ youths were ~~identified~~ identified to reporters by North High School students, who were ~~interviewed~~ interviewed on their way home from school.

~~One student, Mary Benson, 13, of 1687 Grove St., said Bobby was a bad apple. It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone he's going end up in prison. Bobby lives with his mother, Carla Helms, 39, and her boyfriend, Raul Goldstein. Carla never married Bobby's father, George Batson.~~

~~Another student, who refused to give his name, said Bobby and Paul had stolen money from his school locker and used it to buy dope.~~

~~Det. Chavez said the gun belonged to Ms. Katz, who said she carries it for protection. ~~She carries the gun because she is being stalked by her exboyfriend, Billy Estes, who is a drug dealer in town.~~~~

~~Det. Chavez said he did not know if Bobby would be tried as a juvenile or an adult for the murder. the case will be handle by the district attorney or by juvenile athorities.~~