



Bail

Manish appears in the magistrates' court, where it will be decided whether or not his case is serious enough to be heard in the Crown Court.

The prosecution lawyer points out the following facts about Manish:

- ★ His record shows he has failed to attend court on five previous occasions.
- ★ He has a previous conviction for assaulting a police officer.
- ★ He has previous convictions for drug offences and shoplifting.

The defence lawyer explains that Manish:

- ★ Has the support of his family.
- ★ Understands the consequences of breaking bail.

The magistrates have to decide if Manish will:

- ★ Commit other offences if given bail.
- ★ Turn up for court on the next occasion.
- ★ Try to influence any of the witnesses.

What do you think will be the magistrates' decision? Will they grant bail or will they refuse bail?

Write a paragraph in which they give their reasons for their decision.

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Magistrate

