You Decide

5.3 Dorothy Henley was alone in her trailer when a stranger, Sammy Joe Ross, knocked on the door to ask for directions. Henley suggested that Ross consult a neighbor. When she turned her back, Ross pointed a handgun at her, ordered her into the house, told her to undress, and pushed her onto the couch. Ross, at one point, threatened to kill her; and Henley described herself as frightened and crying. Henley told Ross that her daughter would be home from school at any time. She testified that "I started crying and talking about my daughter, that I was all she had because her daddy was dead, and he said if I had a little girl he wouldn't do anything, for me just to go outside and turn my back." Ross told Henley to walk outside behind the trailer. Ross then told her to keep her back to the road until he left. Ross later was arrested, and he claimed that he should be acquitted because he had abandoned the attempted rape. Did Ross abandon the attempted rape of Henley? See *Ross v. State,* 601 So.2d 872 (Miss. 1992).

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