You Decide

4.2 Mark Manes, twenty-two, met Eric Harris, a seventeen-year-old student at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, at a gun show. Manes purchased a semiautomatic handgun for Harris and accompanied Harris to a target range. After hitting a target, Harris excitedly proclaimed that this could have been someone's brain. Several months later, Manes sold Harris one hundred rounds of ammunition for $25. The next day, Harris and Dylan Klebold entered Columbine High School and killed twelve students and a teacher and then took their own lives. Harris and Klebold left a tape recording thanking Manes for his help and urged that he not be arrested, because they would have eventually found someone else willing to sell them guns and ammunition.

As a prosecutor, would you charge Manes as an accomplice to the murders? To the suicides? What if Harris and Klebold arrived at the school armed with weapons and ammunition provided by Manes but used other weapons to kill? What if they left the weapons and ammunition provided by Manes at home? See Joshua Dressler, *Cases and Materials on Criminal Law,* 3rd ed. (St. Paul, MN: West, 2003), p. 886.

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