You Decide

9.4 Elaine Barker was moving items from a shopping cart into the trunk of her car. Karl Messina grabbed Barker's purse from the shopping cart and fled. Barker gave chase. Messina managed to get into his car and closed the door. Barker sat on the hood of Messina's car in an effort to prevent him from driving away. Messina started and stopped the car "several times while Barker held on to a windshield wiper to keep from falling off." Messina "turned the car sharply causing Barker to fall to the ground" causing her to suffer a broken foot and lacerations that required stitches. Was Messina guilty of a robbery? Consider that Florida law requires that force be used "in the course of the taking." See *Messina v. State,* 728 So. 2d 818 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 1999).

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