

Prosecution must prove:

MEANS

Did the defendant have the **ability** to commit the crime?

MOTIVE

Did the defendant have a **reason** to commit the crime?

OPPORTUNITY

Did the defendant have the **chance** to commit the crime?



Defense can raise reasonable doubt by contending:

No crime was committed.

The defendant's actions were entirely lawful.

A crime was committed, but not by the defendant.

Sure, laws were broken. But by someone else.

The prosecution failed to meet its burden of proof.

They make some good points. But it wasn't enough to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

