

Jury decisions: characteristics of the defendant

On 2nd September 2014 at a Crown Court in England two trials were proceeding.

The first was of Lakshmi Kapur, 24-year-old female fashion model. The other was of Nigel Garage, a 64-year-old businessman. They have both been accused of assaulting their respective partners.

Assess how the characteristics of these two defendants might affect the chance of them being found guilty. Justify your assessment with relevant theory and evidence.