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you what happened.

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First ask yourself what is the issues in the case.

3 4 Well, I would suggest the first issue, the number one by

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far, the number one overriding issue in virtually any

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criminal case including this one is identification. Was

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this the person? Is that one of the five guys that came

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into the apartment? Is that Pedro who knocked on the

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door? Or, when this crime was happening was he home in

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North Carolina? Was he at his mother's house in Queens?

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Was he totally understand involved in this case? Did only

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four men go into the apartment? Was no one named Pedro in

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the apartment? Was there some other person named Pedro an

Now, maybe you think, of course, he was there. The

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not him? That's the question in this case.

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question is other things. The question gets our burden of

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proof. You have to prove he is the person. It's basic.

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I'm not saying that's the only thing to prove. I'm not

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saying once you know it was him that the case ends and zero

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other lesser issues. But, once you determine, once you're

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satisfied that he, in fact, was one of those five people

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you're almost there. So don't think, well, the defense

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didn't contest it, of course, he was there, so that's not

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an issue in the case. That's not important.

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No, actually what that means is it is important. It means it shows you how clear and convincing the evidence

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