Fanny’s been very quiet recently.

That’s a very hot mattress...

How can you say that? You’ll feel me belt... oops

Stabbing isn’t always the worst thing to happen...

Is escape always the best option?

R v Stone & Dobinson

Voluntary assumption can create liability for an omission

R v Miller

If you create a dangerous situation, you have a duty to mitigate the harm

R v Latimer

D’s mens rea is transferred from their intended victim to the actual victim.

R v Smith

D’s actions must be more than a minimal cause of the harm; they must be operative and substantive

R v Roberts

The actions of V will only break the chain if they are so daft as to be unforeseeable.
Mummy, would you like a nice glass of lemonade?

"But for" D's actions, V would still have died and so he was not liable for her murder.


Turning off the engine did not complete the AR, so D was liable as he developed MR during the AR.

Choo Choo! Neigh Neigh!

Liability for an omission can arise out of a breach of contract.

Meat shields: not as useful as they might seem.

Actions of a third party will only break the chain if they are so daft as to be unforeseeable.

Push the OAP; kill the OAP.

Transferred malice even applies where the harm to V2 is greater than that to V1, as long as they are different degrees of the same crime.
Oh God, I don't need any blood!

R v Blaue
You take your victim as you find them, with underlying weaknesses, beliefs etc.

Baby vs Wall

R v Woollin
Was death or GBH foreseeable as a virtual certainty? If so, the jury may find that he had the intent.

That's a wheelie big fire!

R v G & R
D is reckless if he consciously takes an unjustifiable risk

Ooh! What a lovely flying concrete block!

R v Hancock & Shankland
The more likely something was to happen, the more likely it was to occur, the more likely it was to be foreseen.

Hearts broken; still on fire (but it was only an election!)

R v Nedrick
Was death or GBH foreseeable as a virtual certainty? If so, the jury may infer that he had the intent.
Police will you help me? No, I don’t give a hot dog if you are killed!

D may be liable because he owes a duty to the public because of his job.

A don know how to check they can breathe

A duty can arise out the job (and this is a vital case on gross negligence manslaughter)

Mushy peas beat a gun for deadliness

As long as the wound is still operative and substantive, the medical treatment will not break the chain of causation. It must be so independent of the original injury to be a new chain of causation.

No might not mean no if there’s a ring on it...

A husband owes his wife a duty of care, even if she does not want to receive that care.

Things not to do when you’re drunk and fired...

Controversial decision which said that recklessness could also be judged objectively.