

**Current Events Comprehension Questions: College Readiness Standards—Reading**

**Main Ideas, Author’s Approach, and Supporting Details**

**Who** was shot in a brawl outside of an Illinois sports bar? Hint: two names.

**What** consequences did Bryan Pour face for drunkenly shooting Jeffrey Bladdick? Name two.

**Where** is Pour (the drunken shooter and off-duty officer) from?

**When** did the fight and shooting take place?

**Why** does Pour say he fired his weapon, injuring Bladdick?

**How** many St. Louis police officers were fired in total as a result of the events described in the article?

**Sequential, Comparative, and Cause-Effect Relationships**

For each event listed below, identify the **Cause** of that event, choosing from the list in the bank below.

- A. Two men with a metal bar attacked Pour.
- B. Jeffrey Bladdick and Judge Hackett agreed to be lenient regarding Pour’s drunken shooting.
- C. Pour’s felony conviction prevents him from working as a police officer or pilot ever again.

1. Pour is sentenced to four years of probation instead of jail time.

**Cause:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Pour reached for his gun to defend himself and mistakenly shot Bladdick.

**Cause:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pour is now working as a pizza delivery driver.

**Cause:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meanings of Words**

Using context clues, define each of the words below as best as you can. The words appear here in the order they occur in the article.

**Leniency**

**Exemplary**

**Virtually**

**Incident**

**Generalizations and Conclusions**

What explanation does Pour offer to explain why he shot Bladdick? Do you think this is a good excuse? Why or why not?