

Jodi Arias Murder Trial, March 2013

Symbolized:

1. Jodi killed Travis Alexander. K
2. If so, the killing was either premeditated or a crime of passion or self-defense. K . (P v C v S)
3. If premeditated, the DA should be able to show proof (that Jodi brought the gun and the knife). P \supset A
4. But the DA is not able do that. ~ A
5. Therefore the killing was not premeditated. ∴ ~ P 3,4 MT

6. If it was a crime of passion, the DA should be able to show this (that it was not self-defense). C \supset B
7. But the DA is not able to show this [except for the 62 second argument but that is not precise or persuasive -- **Fallacy of Hasty Generalization**]. ~ B
8. Therefore it was not a crime of passion. ∴ ~ C 6,7 MT

9. If the killing was not premeditated or a crime of passion it must have been self-defense. ~ (P v C) \supset S
10. It was not premeditated, nor a crime of passion. ~(P v C)
11. Therefore it was self-defense. ∴ S 9,10 MP

12. If it was self-defense, Jodi should be acquitted. S \supset Q
13. Therefore Jodi should be acquitted. ∴ Q 11,12 MP

Sources: **Headline News**