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This is a robbery prosecution. The defendant is accused of robbing a concession stand in the state capitol in downtown Phoenix at 5:00 P.M. on June 15 of last year. However, evidence will also establish that the defendant “punched in” at his place of work, the dining hall at the Mesa Community College near downtown Mesa, at 5:30 P.M. and that he customarily drives his car to work.

To prove that it is possible to drive from the state capitol to Mesa Community College within 30 minutes, the prosecution calls Michael Wilson, a police patrolman, as a witness. Wilson will testify that he took two possible routes from the state capitol to the College: first, south on 19th Avenue and east on Southern Avenue, the local route; second, using Interstate 10 and Highway 360, the expressway route. Both routes are approximately 15 miles long.

Wilson will testify that he drove both routes at 5:00 P.M. on the same day of the week as the robbery. He drove both routes in his squad car, going as quickly as he reasonably could, given the traffic conditions. His time for the local route was 35 minutes; the expressway route took 25 minutes.

1. For the prosecution, get the map in evidence and use it to illustrate Officer Wilson’s testimony.
2. For the defense, oppose the offer and cross-examine Wilson.

