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**AJ 003 Evidence
Final Exam**

Instructions: Read the case study below. Provide in your answer the relevant rules of evidence and the timing or sequencing of events; include the reasons why you took a particular course of action in this case. Be clear with your answer, and explain the reasons why you would or would not make an arrest. Apply all rules of evidence you understand and can apply to this situation.

John is on a solo vacation from California and driving through several states, winding up staying in the state of Texas. He adopted a principal place of residence in a hotel room just outside of Dallas, Texas and has stayed there for several months.

He picks-up a runaway who was hitchhiking near a motor-home park, where he called home. John has a truck and a trailer, where he frequently stays in from time to time. In Texas, you cannot stay in a hotel room for more than 30 days at a time. So John stays in his trailer at times between those months he is not in a hotel.

John picked up a girl one night. He established a relationship with her. His girlfriend's name is Gracie. John and Gracie dated for 6 months. Gracie got pregnant and later had a 6-month-old girl. One night, John punched Gracie in front his child. After the domestic violence, he went to a local bar in Dallas and started drinking beer. As he drove home from the bar to apologize to Gracie, he struck a homeless man in a crosswalk.

John fled from the scene and drove home. While at home, he told Gracie that he thought he killed the homeless man in the crosswalk and told her that he wasn't going back to jail.

You are a police officer who was dispatched to the intersection where the homeless man was struck in the intersection. You spoke to a witness who identified himself as Mike. The witness gave you the license number of the plate registered to John. You got John's current address and drove to the location. When you arrived, you saw John's vehicle. You knocked on the door and saw Gracie. You asked Gracie about the vehicle and you found out that John is in the residence. Gracie also shared with you that John hit her earlier and he left the house "pissed off". You noticed a bruising on Gracie's face and arms; and you asked if John did that to her and she said yes.

In order to arrest John, explain the process by going through the required rules of



