

Scenario

Walter White, Jesse Pinkman and Mike Ehrmentraut have been producing crystal meth in Albuquerque, New Mexico using methylamine as a raw ingredient. (The crystal meth produced by their formulation has a distinctive blue color.)

They have equal interests in a newly acquired tank of 1,000 gallons of methylamine, which can be used to produce nearly \$300 million worth of crystal meth. Walter wants to produce and sell the crystal meth. Jesse and Mike, however, want to get out of the business of crystal meth production, and set up a meeting with one of Mike's former associates (Declan) to sell their shares (totaling 666 gallons) for \$5 million each.

Declan is the leader of a group that produces methylamine for sale in Phoenix, Arizona and vicinity. Declan rejects the transaction and counteroffers \$15 million for all 1,000 gallons — take it or leave it — with the implicit understanding that no more blue crystal meth will be produced or distributed by Walter's group.

Jesse and Mike decide to accept Declan's offer, and (not shown) Mike proceeds to imprison Walter with the intent of selling the entire tank of methylamine to Declan without Walter's consent.

Q. Is there a Sherman Act violation?