You Be The Judge

You are a newly appointed judge and have been assigned the following as your first case:

*Walter lives on a residential block with shared driveways where overnight parking is not allowed. He works the night shift at a local laboratory, and by the time he gets home, his neighbour has parked in the driveway. For parking on the street, a traffic officer has given Walter several parking tickets over the past three months. Walter feels that the officer is picking on him. After the sixth ticket, he is so angry that when he sees the officer, he calls him a “bloodsucker” and threatens that he'll “get him.”*

*Finally, Walter offers to pay Cecil, an acquaintance of his, $500 to beat the officer with a baseball bat. Cecil takes the $500 in cash and then tells the officer what Walter has asked him to do. The officer arrests both Walter and Cecil and charges them with criminal conspiracy. The Crown brings the case to court.*

As a judge you must produce a written decision that includes the following:

* A summary of the crime in your own words
* Your opinion of whether the proper charge has been filed against both men; if you think another charge should have been filed in either case, identify it and explain why.
* The Mens Rea and Actus Reus for each of the accused
* The role each of the accused played in committing the offence, that is, the legal terms describing their participation in the crime