Law 12

Criminal Law Final Project

*For this project you will be* ***creating*** *a crime scene and reporting on the investigation, arrest, trial and charges, if any.*

*You must apply the concepts we’ve covered in the past chapters.*

*You will be working in groups of three or four. You must report on the tasks EACH member of the group participated in, with a list of specific duties each person completed. The goal, for you, is to make sure every member contributed equally.*

To set the scene:

Physically prepare a crime scene. It can be a crime scene of any nature. It should be realistic and will need to be photographed or video recorded. Consider all elements of a crime scene, and all of the procedure that MUST be followed. Please be attentive to detail.

It will require that a VARIETY of offences have been committed in one scene.

Props and makeup might be necessary, and any printing of pictures must be in color. You must consider the following in your final report:

**Chapter 6 – The Nature of Crime**

Summarize the crime that had been committed. You will need to consider:

* who was involved
* what happened
* when it happened
* where it happened

\* Be very clear and descriptive. It could affect the outcome of the case!

Define and explain the Actus Reus and Mens Rea, if either or both apply or exist.

Designate and explain how each person is involved in the crime.

**Chapter 7 – The Criminal Court System**

Create profiles of jurors. You MUST use the factors that are considered by real attorneys to decide who you will choose. Describe and explain 6 picks from both the defense and the Crown.

Write an opening statement that might be presented by the Crown at trial.

**Chapter 8 – Investigation and Arrest**

Your crime scene MUST adhere to the rules and protocol presented in this chapter. You should take into consideration security of the crime scene. This must be displayed in your crime scene photographs.

You must provide physical evidence. The evidence must be properly preserved and recorded (“Chain of Custody”). Pay attention to the types of evidence presented in this chapter.

Write a witness statement. Imagine YOU were present at the time the crime was committed. Write what you saw. Officers would ask you to be very detailed and as specific a possible. Tell only what you observed – do not speculate anything (you shouldn’t say something like “I think he did it because…” – facts only).

The accused must be arrested. This can be done either by video, or preferably, in a series of described photos.

**Chapter 9 – Criminal Offenses**

Define all of the offences that have been committed.

Create a chart that defines if it is Summary, Hybrid, or Indictable, the section of the Code, and possible punishment.

The project will be passed in as a portfolio, bound, all documents typed and printed in color where applicable.

All ‘evidence’ must be submitted.

Each written piece must be properly titled and on its own sheet.