

ACTIVITY TWO: Case Studies

Read each of the following scenarios and determine 1) is there a crime; 2) if there is a crime, name it; 3) if it is not a crime, explain why it is not; and 4) identify the victim or victims. Write your answers on resource worksheet one.

- 1) Jamal received an email from an attorney in a foreign country informing him that he was to receive an inheritance. The email indicated that Jamal needed to forward personal and banking account information in order to process the inheritance. Being a college student, Jamal needs the money and provides all the required information to the attorney. He later learns that all the money has been taken from his checking and saving accounts.
- 2) Students tag and spray graffiti on a grocery wall near their high school. This has been a tradition that has been ongoing for years and all of the graffiti is in good taste and presentable to the local community.
- 3) Samantha has two small children and has been out of work for months. She has not been able to find a job, and welfare benefits are taking longer than she expected. While out looking for work, Samantha notices someone dropping a bank envelope as they exit the bank. No one is watching, so Samantha picks up the envelope and finds \$500.00. She feels sorry for the person, but feels they should not have been so careless and keeps the money.
- 4) Jose is not very popular, and has knowledge that Ming, one of the most popular kids in school, is selling his mother's left over prescription medication to his classmates. Jose confronts Ming about what he knows and Ming denies it. Jose explains to Ming that he will not tell anyone if Ming agrees to sit by him at lunch.
- 5) Students at Tinsel Town High School have developed a method of "marking" other students they like or have had interactions with. After a date, a student will place a colored sticker on the other persons' locker to indicate their ranking (e.g., blue sticker as best, etc.). A few students do not have stickers on their lockers and have been ridiculed as the triple "L" group—loveless loner losers. Their peers have begun to place large "L" on their lockers, desks and other items.
- 6) Dante and his family are Italian. Some of his classmates, including his friends, have begun to refer to him as the "Danny the dago" thinking it is funny. Dante has asked people to stop, but this has only caused things to escalate to new names, including, wop, Guido, or pizza-pie.