**TYPES OF CRIMES, PART 2**

**Part A. Reading Comprehension.** Complete the reading attached to this assignment which discusses the differences between theft, larceny, robbery, and burglary, as well as the differences between assault and battery. Then answer the questions below.

1) What is theft?

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2) What is the crime of larceny?

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3) Give an example of the crime of larceny.

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4) How is robbery different from larceny?

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5) What makes burglary different than robbery or larceny?

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6) How do assault and battery differ from each other?

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7) Why is aggravated assault considered a more serious crime than just plain assault?

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8) Why might someone argue that it is not fair to be charged with felony battery instead of simple battery?

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**Part B. What Crime Has Been Committed?** Read the scenarios below, and pretend that you are a district attorney or prosecutor in each case. Use everything that you have learned to decide what crime(s) you would charge the defendant with for each case. In some cases, you will charge them with more than one crime, or you may charge multiple people. Be specific (i.e. specify which kind of theft or assault). Explain your answers in a sentence or two.

1) Peter takes Olivia’s phone off her desk and never returns it. If you were a prosecutor, what crime(s) would you charge Peter with, and why?

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2) Walter enters Dana’s home without permission by picking the lock on the door, leaves everything alone except for her computer, and spends about an hour on her laptop downloading information about her bank accounts. Walter takes nothing else and never encounters anyone else. He is caught because of a neighbor’s security camera footage. If you were a prosecutor, what crime(s) would you charge Walter with, and why?

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3) Lucy and Ricky get into a heated argument about money and the household budget, and Ricky loses his temper and says some unkind and threatening words to Lucy. Lucy responds by hitting him in the face and giving him a black eye. If you were a prosecutor, who might you charge with a crime, what might that crime(s) be, and why?

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4) Leonard and Howard are walking down the street and a stranger named Sheldon stops them, pulls out a gun, threatens them, and orders them to hand over everything that is in their wallets. Sheldon never touches either of them and runs off into an alley, but he is caught by police an hour later. If you were a prosecutor, what crime(s) would you charge Sheldon with, and why?

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5) April and Andy enter a bank armed with pistols, threaten the bank teller into giving them all of the money in the safe, and then take off with thousands of dollars. In the process, one of the guards at the bank tries to stop them, and April fires the gun at the guard, wounding him. He dies of his injuries at the hospital. April and Andy hop into a getaway car driven by Tom, and they flee the scene. If you were a prosecutor, who would you charge which what crimes, and why?

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6) Rachel borrowed a thousand dollars from Phoebe, but never returned it. Phoebe approached Rachel one day to ask for the money back, and when Rachel could not pay it, Phoebe pointed a gun at Rachel and threatened to hurt her if she did not get the money by the end of the week. Rachel decided to get revenge by sneaking into Phoebe’s home and starting a fire in Phoebe’s kitchen. Phoebe was at home at the time, and Rachel hit her in the head with a frying pan from the kitchen, then left. Phoebe was severely injured but survived the incident, but her house burned down. If you were a prosecutor, who would you charge with what crimes, and why?

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7) Now, use your creativity to create your OWN scenario that involves one of the crimes discussed today. Write at least 2-3 sentences, and include four possible answer choices (highlight the correct answer).

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