**Introduction to Criminal Justice**

**Critical Thinking Exercise 2**

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| **Assignment Element** | **Total Points**  (60 Points) | **Student**  **Points** | **Comments** |
| **Question 1**   * Role and Purpose of a Public Defender (2) * 3 Examples from Documentary (8) | 10 |  |  |
| **Question 2**   * Discuss three unique challenges public defenders face (12) * Direct examples from the documentary (4) | 16 |  |  |
| **Question 3**   * Discuss and explain 4 features/issues (20) * Examples to demonstrate each feature/issue (10) | 20 |  |  |
| **Question 4**   * Recommendations (at least 3) to increase the effectiveness of the public defender system (14) | 14 |  |  |

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**Answer the following questions using complete sentences.**

**Answers copied directly from the textbook or other source will result in a 0.**

**Exercises are to be completed individually.**

Defense Attorneys (Use Course Material/”Gideon’s Army Video) (60 Points)

1. What is the **role and purpose of a public defender**? Discuss 3 examples in the documentary that demonstrate this role and purpose?
2. Using **direct examples** (at least 3 from the documentary and from the textbook **discuss three unique challenges public** defenders face.
3. **Discuss and explain 4 features/issues** from the assigned readings and relate to the documentary using examples to demonstrate each feature/issue.

b. After viewing the documentary about public defenders, and discussing issues with court overload and processes, what specific recommendations (at least 3) would you make to **increase the effectiveness of the public defender system?**