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**MURDER**

Murder is the legal term for the intentional killing of someone or the killing of someone as a result of a complete disregard for their life. Manslaughter is the legal term for the act of killing someone without intending to, often in an accidental way. Homicide is the killing of a person by another with intent to cause death or serious injury by any means

Murder is the unlawful killing of another human without justification or valid excuse, especially the unlawful killing of another human with malice aforethought

DEGREEE OF MURDER

(1) First degree murder: It is otherwise known as premeditated murder. It is an unlawful killing which is premeditated, deliberate and wilful. Premeditated means it is/was planned. It is murder committed after planning or "lying in wait" for the victim

(2) Second degree murder: It is a type of murder that is not premeditated or murder that is caused by the defendant's reckless conduct and obvious lack of concern or human life

(3) felony murder/third degree murder: It is the killing that happens during the commission of another crime whether the killing is intentional or not. For instance, Jackson rapes Hannah and dies from multiple injuries sustained

CAUSES OF MURDER

(1) Financial greed

(2) Pursuit of power leading to the removal or rivals

(3) Theft went wrong

(4) Revenge killings

(5) Love affairs went sour

(6) Property-based conflicts

(7) Marriage conflicts including dowry death in certain countries

(8) Jealousy rage

(9) Overdosage of drugs or alcohol

(10) psychopathic rage as a form of mental illness

**EFFECTS OF MURDER**

(1) Psychological trauma on the family: Murder brings sorrow and heart ache to the family of the deceased

(2) Mental disorder: The partner of a gruesomely murdered person can have problem

(3) Financial difficulties: If the breadwinner of the family is murdered, life can be harsh and hard financially for the entire family

(4) Life imprisonment: Someone who commits murder could be sentenced to life jail

**PREVENTION OF MURDER**

(1) Work with relevant public agencies: To prevent crime in Nigeria, there is need to collaborate and work with relevant public agencies that could assist in curbing crimes in the Nigeria society

(2) Engage youths on positive ventures: It is said that, the idle individual is a devil workshop, going by this fact, it is therefore important to have youths engaged in positive and profitable ventures. The youths within the neighbourhood should have themselves in positive ventures during their spare time, such spare time should be invested in things such as recreation/exercise and tutoring programs and part time work, etc

(3) Set up community patrol: In your neighbourhood, you can organize community patrol to watch in your neighbourhood. There is even what they called neighbourhood watch and such group work with police to enhance security of their area

(4) Enter into partnership with police: There would be need to enter into partnership with the police, remember the slogan that says, police is your friend, build partnership with them. Encourage people living in your neighbourhood to report any suspicious individuals, movement and/or activities

(5) Keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy: Endeavor to keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy. Everyone in the neighbourhood should participate in this exercise, ensure that, every old and abandoned vehicles within the neighbourhood is cleared. Old and uncompleted buildings, including run-down buildings should be kept clean and tidy know where every member of your neighbourhood lives, disarmed criminals by ensuring that, everybody lives an opened life within your neighbourhood

(6) Emphasize crime prevention :Emphasize crime prevention in your local neighbourhood, make sure that schools and the law enforcement agencies and the public health agencies and libraries even other workplaces, including religious institutions and that of child protective agencies and others such agencies within your neighbourhood are working to prevent crime

**ADVANCE FEE FRAUD**

It is a fraudulent act of taking money from another person without supplying the goods or providing the services to the victim. It can also be defined as a crime where a person is promised a sum of money, goods to be delivered or received a prize once certain fees, charges, taxes or levies are paid in advance. It is otherwise called"419"

**CAUSES OF ADVANCE FEE FRAUD**

(1) Poverty

(2) Unemployment

(3) Influence of bad group

(4) External influence

(5) Psychological problem

(6) Bad value system

(7) Inequality between the rich and the poor is also responsible for the increase in crime rate in the country

(8) Low self-esteem, alcohol and drug abuse make people especially the youths to engage in criminal activities

**EFFECTS OF ADVANCE FEE FRAUD**

(1) It has adverse effects on economic development

(2) Insecurity in the country: It creates the state of insecurity in the country e.g. the activities of Boko Haram has led to a state of insecurity

(3) Political instability: Increase in crime rate may affect governance, thereby leading to political instability

(4) It may drive away foreign investors: Many investors may not be interested in Nigeria

(5) Psychological effects: It may cause a serious psychological effect on the victim

**PREVENTION OF ADVANCE FEE FRAUD**

(1) Maintain your control: The end goal for the fraudsters is to get your money. This accounts for some of the suspicious behaviour. Some will seek to convince you to pay out that advance fee quickly, while others will be savvier and demonstrate patience, to falsely put you at ease. To protect yourself, maintain your control and limit their control

(2) Stiff punishment for the offender: Government should make strict laws on those that involve in Advance Fee Fraud scandal so as to serve as a deterrent to others

(3) Public enlightenment: Government and non-governmental bodies should sensitive or educate the masses on the evils/dangers of Advance Fee Fraud so that the masses can understand the need to shun evil

(4) Less emphasis on materialism: People in a society should have the mentality of not praising wealth or riches over one's integrity

(5) There should be respect and honour for real achievers rather than money bags

(6) Contentment: People should be satisfied with what they have and cherish their achievements. This will reduce high rate of fraudulent act most particularly Advance Fee Fraud in the society

(7) Parental role: Parents should dutifully perform their roles and inculcate the habit of hardworking rather than shortcut of making money

**EMBEZZLEMENT**

It refers to a form of white-collar crime in which a person or entity intentionally misappropriate the asset entrusted to them. It is also defined as a crime that consists of withholding assets for the purpose of conversion of such assets, by one or more persons to whom the assets were entrusted, either to be held or to be used for specific purposes. It also refers to the fraudulent taking of personal property by someone to whom it was entrusted. Embezzlement occurs when a criminal takes or uses money from a company or an agency without consent

**CAUSES OF EMBEZZLEMENT**

(1) Ego: Some people choose to take company assets simply because they can. They may not think that it is a big deal and may even enjoy the thrill of getting away with it. Others may believe that they deserve the money because of who they are and what they have done for the company

(2) Revenge: Some workers may take a hit to their pride for some form of injustice by their employers. These employees may not have received a promotion, pay raise or any recognition at all. In order to regain a balance on their personal scales of injustice, employees may justify embezzlement

(3) Desperation: Not everyone who embezzles is a wealthy corporate leader. Many on the bottom economic rung become involved because of financial hardship. With no room for growth and no other employment options, they may resort to take funds to pay for personal expenses

(4) Selfishness

(5) Lack of patriotism and love for the nation

(6) Crave for money and materialism

**EFFECTS OF EMBEZZLEMENT**

(1) A prison sentence

(2) Loss of your professional license

(3) Significant fines

(4) Probation or parole

**EFFECTS OF EMBEZZLEMENT ON THE SOCIETY**

(1) Inadequate funds for projects

(2) Badly handled projects

(3) Failure in governmental projects

(4) Bad economy

(5) Suffering on the part of the masses

(6) Poverty

**PREVENTION OF EMBEZZLEMENT**

(1) Do a full background check before hiring a new employee

(2) Have clear policies and controls a place and enforce them

(3) Restrict access to financial information and resources

(4) Assign financial duties to more than one person and cross train employees

(5) Perform random internal or external audits

(6) Engage law enforcement

**CULTISM**

A cult is a secret society which is not open to everybody. Cultism therefore is an act of belonging to a secret cult in an educational institution. A cult is a group with a particular and often dangerously fanatical ideology that has certain characteristics. The term "cult "comes from the Latin word 'cultus' meaning 'worship'

**CAUSES OF CULTISM**

(1) use of cultists by politicians: During campaigns and elections, they use these young boys (cultists), they as their hit men to carry out their intentions such as snatching of ballot boxes, destruction of election materials, etc

(2) Search for protection: People join cult in search of protection from harm or any form of harassment or intimidation. The sense of security offered to the members gives them boldness and confidence against any threat in any form

(3) Quest for social identity: Some students in tertiary institutions want to belong to a class of lifestyle superior to their peers. This they desire to be in order to gain more popularity, respect and admiration from opposite sex

(4) Poor parental training: Some join cult in secondary school or tertiary institutions because they lack adequate home training. Failure of some parents to inculcate moral values and discipline in their children has resulted in moral bankruptcy among young people

(5) Peer group influence: This is often seen in universities and secondary schools where students socialise more with each other. Through this process of interaction, both positive and negative influences are bound to happen which can lead to cultism

(6) Revenge: Some men and women who are victims of harassment, assault, bullying or a painful past, cultism gives them a platform to swiftly take their own pound of flesh

(7) Emotional instability

(8) Loneliness

(9) Drug abuse

(10) Poverty

**EFFECTS Of CULTISM ON NIGERIA YOUTHS**

(1) Untimely death: It leads to loss of live prematurely

(2) Loss of moral values: This is because the belief system and ideologies of most of these cult groups are against the objective morality of life

(3) Incomplete education: Schools adopt strict penalties like expulsion of students which eventually terminate educational programmes of cultists in schools

(4) Drug and substance addiction: They are expose to hard drugs like tramadol, alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, codeine, etc which make them to misbehave in the society

(5) Behavioural disorder

(6) It can lead to termination of ambition and goals in youths

(7) It can cause mental disorder to youth

(8) It exposes youths to spiritual challenges/problems later in their lives

(9) Cultists usually live in fear

**SOLUTION TO CULTISM IN NIGERIA**

(1) Campaign against cultism like organising workshops, lectures, seminars, etc against cultism

(2) Parents should enforce discipline I'm their children for good morals

(3) Government should make laws to punish anybody involving in cultism

(4) Religious groups should evangelise to and pray for known cult members

(5) Security personnel should be properly equipped to combat cultism

(6) Government should provide create jobs and employment opportunities for the youths

(7) Government should provide refuge and security for those willing to renounce their membership

(8) Government should work to increase the standard of living in the society

**DRUG ABUSE**

Drug abuse or substance abuse refers to the use of certain chemicals for the purpose of creating pleasurable effects on the brain. It is when you use legal or illegal substances in ways you shouldn't. It can also be defined as the abnormal intake of drugs or any other substances. It can also be described as the illegal or wrong use of drugs and other substances

FORMS OF DRUG ABUSE

(1) Usage of drugs not prescribed by doctors

(2) Using overdose of prescribed drugs

(3) Intake of hard drugs like marijuana, heroin, cocaine and many others

(4) Frequent intake of alcohol, kolanuts, coffee, analgestic tablets, etc

(5) Habitual intake of drugs even when it is unnecessary

(6) Dependence on sleep-inducing drugs

**CAUSES OF DRUG ABUSE**

(1) Family history of addiction :Drug addiction is more common in some families and likely involves an increased risk based on genes

(2)Mental health disorder: Using drugs can become a way of coping with painful feelings such as anxiety, depression, loneliness, etc and cause drug abuse

(3) Peer pressure: young ones are being lured into drug abuse as a result of intimacy and influence of their friends

(4) Lack of family involvement: Difficult family situations or lack of a bond with your parents or siblings may increase the risk of addiction, as can a lack of parental supervision

(5) Taking a highly addictive drugs: Some drugs such as stimulants, cocaine or opioid painkillers may result in faster development of addiction than other drugs

(6) Environmental factors, including your family's beliefs and attitudes and exposure to a peer group that encourages drug use, seem to play a role in initial drug use

**EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE**

(A) Effects of drug abuse on the body

(1) Abnormal vital signs like abnormal respiration, high blood pressure, etc

(2) Chest or lung pain

(3) Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain

(4) Skin can be cool and sweating or hot and dry

(5) Diseases such as hepatitis B or C, HIV for needle sharing

(6) Impotence

(7) More frequent illnesses

(8) Frequent hangover, blackouts

(B) Psychological drug abuse effects

(1) Aggressiveness or irritability

(2) Selfishness

(3) Hopelessness

(4) Lack of pleasure from previously enjoyed activities

(5) Pressuring others into taking drugs

(C) General drug abuse effects

(1) Isolation

(2) Stagnation

(3) Damaged relationship

(4) Financial distress

(5) Health problems

(6) Depression and anxiety

(7) Involving in criminal activities

(8) Unachieved prospects or ambition in life

(9) Death

**SOLUTIONS TO DRUG ABUSE**

(1) Effectively deal with pressure or avoid bad friends

(2) Develop close family ties

(3) Learn or develop healthy coping mechanism

(4) Abstinence or stay away from abusing drugs

(5) Government and non-governmental bodies should embark on public enlightenment of the danger of drug abuse

(6) Living a healthy and well-balanced life

(7) Use prescribed medication only

(8) Get professional help

**FAKE DRUGS**

Fake drugs are manufactured and packaged that look like legitimate brand -name medications but often contain little to none of the active ingredients listed on the label. A counterfeit medication or fake drugs is a medication or pharmaceutical item which is produced and sold with the intent to deceptively represent its origin, authenticity or effectively

**CAUSES OF FAKE DRUGS**

(1) Ignorance and increase in self-medication culture

(2) Harsh business environment like stringent price control, unfair government policies, etc encourage production of fake drugs

(3) Importation of counterfeit across national boundaries has greatly contributed to the increasingly complex problem of fake drugs

(4) When demand for a particular product exceeds supply, fake drugs may be encouraged as huge profit could be made from the manufacturing of the products

(5) Increase in the nonprofessional in drug business

(6) When drug laws are not strictly enforced, there is usually the possibility of increased manufacture and distribution of fake drugs

(7) Corruption, greed and conflict of interest encourages production of fake drugs

**EFFECTS OF FAKE DRUGS**

(1) Fake drugs may contain toxic doses of dangerous ingredients and cause mass poisoning

(2) Poor quality medicines compromise the treatment of chronic and infectious diseases causing disease progression, drug resistance and death

(3) It encourages the use of drug resistance, threatening the health of population now and in future

(4) More emotional and psychological traumas

**PREVENTION OF FAKE DRUGS**

(1) Government should make strict laws to punish perpetrators of fake drugs

(2) There should be public enlightenment by the government and non-governmental agencies towards curbing production and distribution of fake drugs

(3) Government should punish unregistered drug sellers