

Assault and Similar Offenses Worksheet

1. Diane and Ken are southbound on Interstate 5; Ken is the front seat passenger and Diane is driving. There are two teens in the backseat. Diane is chatting on her cell phone and not paying attention to traffic. She has not committed any traffic infractions yet (other than talking on her cell phone while driving). Ken gets annoyed at Diane and tells her to get off the phone. Diane continues her phone conversation, ignoring Ken. Ken gets frustrated and decides to teach her a lesson. Ken grabs the steering wheel, causing the car to swerve right toward the physical barrier wall. Diane regains control of the car, narrowly avoiding the concrete barrier

What crime has Ken committed, if any?

What are the elements of the crime?

What is the penalty?

2. Owen and Robert are walking home from Jackson High School. They run into Norman, who is standing along the side of the road near the Safeway. Owen and Robert approach Norman and threaten to beat him up if he refuses to go into Safeway and steal some donuts and beer for them. Norman is scared of them. He steals the donuts and beer and gives the goods to Owen and Robert.

Owen and Robert are guilty of what?

What are the elements of the crime?

What is the penalty?

Did Norman commit a crime?

3. Sven and Omar are driving past the community center on the tribal land near their house. Sven really dislikes the Native American culture in the area because he blames them for controlling all the good hunting and fishing land around his home town because of the reservation land. At the entrance to the community center is a large, hand-carved untreated wooden statue of a Tribal elder. Sven pulls off the road near the statue and tosses a gallon of red paint over the statue. He smirks to Omar, "Now the Chief has his war paint!" The nine hundred dollar statue is ruined.

What crime has Sven committed, if any?

What are the elements of the crime?

What is the penalty?

4. You respond to a rush hour road rage incident in progress. The victim is on the phone with 911 because another driver followed him home after a traffic incident a couple miles down the road. The victim is currently parked in his driveway in his Toyota Camry with the doors locked. The victim tells dispatch that the other driver has exited his vehicle carrying a tire iron. The victim tells dispatch that the suspect is aggressively coming toward him, waving the tire iron around. Dispatch advises you that they heard a second male, probably the suspect, yell, "Get out of that car so I can beat some manners into that

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thick head of yours! I should get my gun out and just shoot your dumb ass!” The victim screams into his phone, “Oh, my gosh! I think he’s going to kill me!” You arrive and find the suspect back by his vehicle, the tire iron no longer in view. You detain him and confirm the story above; specifically, the victim tells you that the suspect stood about twenty feet from his Camry while he yelled the threats and waved his tire iron. When the victim told him he was calling the police, the suspect walked back to his pick-up truck and waited.

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What are the elements of the crime?

What is the penalty?

5. One sunny afternoon in late August the temperature reached 98 degrees by 2 PM. David (36 YOA) and Crystal (33 YOA) decided to stop at Albertsons to get a 12-pack of beer, a video, and a few groceries before they headed home. When they pulled into the parking lot, they realized that their newborn had finally fallen asleep. Not wanting to wake the baby, they decided to leave the baby in the car while they did their shopping. Another shopper saw the child (several minutes after the parents had gone inside), watched for about 15-20 minutes during which time the parents did not return, and called 911 because the child woke up and was screaming and sweating profusely. The RP told the officer who arrived that the child had now been alone inside the car for at least 45 minutes by the time police arrived. When David and Crystal return to the car, they tell the officer that they have raised three other children and never left them like this. They were tired and

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frustrated with the screaming child and had not wanted to wake her. They only meant to be gone for a couple minutes, but they got distracted looking at movies to rent and lost track of time. Paramedics respond and advise that the baby is getting dehydrated and they immediately hook up an IV.

What crime has occurred, if any?

What are the elements of the crime?

What is the penalty?

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What crime has occurred, if any?

What are the elements of the crime?

What is the penalty?

6. Jim, a 24-year-old UW student, and Sally and Angie, both 20-year-old students, attended a party at the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity house on the 4500 block of 19th Avenue Northeast. Jim and the women decided to join others in the hot tub out back. While in the hot tub, Jim tried holding hands with Angie and repeatedly slipped his arm around her. Angie told him several times to stop. Finally, Angie told Sally that she was leaving because Jim would not quit. Angie left. Sally was upset. Sally walked up to Jim, told him he was a rude jerk, and punched him in the gut.

What crime(s) occurred, if any, and who committed the crime(s)?

What are the elements of the crime?

What is the penalty?

Does Sally have a defense?

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7. Wally was traveling in a car with friends when their vehicle was blocked by a tow truck blocking the road while attempting to move an illegally parked car. Wally opened his window and started yelling at the driver to move his truck out of the way. When the driver didn't comply, Wally got out of the car. John and Danny cheered and yelled for Wally to "teach him a lesson" and "beat him but good!" Wally punched the tow truck driver in the face, breaking his nose. The tow driver was cussing and yelling at Wally that his nose was broken. John, one of Wally's companions, jumped out of the car and started yelling at the tow driver that he'd better shut up because he got what he deserved.

What crime has occurred, if any?

What are the elements of the crime?

What is the penalty?

8. Michael was walking home from a club when three males saw him from their pick-up truck. They began yelling insults at Michael, calling him a "fag" and saying that he "dresses like he's a queer." Sam, the driver, stopped the truck and exited. He confronted Michael and asked him if he was gay. Michael said that he was not gay. Sam got mad and yelled that he did not believe Michael. Sam broke off the end of a beer bottle and began slashing at Michael's face with the broken end. Michael protected himself by putting his arms up, but his arms got cut deeply enough to require more than sixty stitches and leaving permanent scars. Paul and Jesse, exited the truck and joined in by kicking and punching Michael. Michael suffered cuts to his arms, and bruising, pain, and swelling to his face, shoulders, and back from the kicks and punches. As the suspects walked away, Jesse spit on Michael and said, "Homos get what they deserve."

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Does that change anything? If so, how?

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9. 25-year-old Susan has worked at a daycare for four years. When she was hired, she received training in how to care for children, how to deal with children throwing tantrums, and legal requirements regarding touching and disciplining children. One morning, another employee doesn't show up for work. Susan has to watch twice as many children. A baby starts crying. Two 4-year-olds start fighting over a toy. Susan is getting frustrated. She grabs one of the 4-year-olds and jerks him up off the floor by his arm. She hears a popping sound, and the boy begins to cry and hold his shoulder. Susan tells him to be quiet or he will get punished even more. The supervisor walks in and takes over care of the injured boy. He tells her that, "Miss Susan hurted me!" She calls for aid. He gets taken to the hospital and treated for a dislocated shoulder which the doctor is able to put back into place, but there will be several weeks of soft tissue damage trying to heal. The supervisor calls the police. She is able to provide security video since all common areas (excluding the bathroom and changing area) of the daycare are monitored by "nanny cam".

What crime(s), if any, occurred?

What are the elements of the crime(s)?

What is the penalty?