

1.03A Key Terms - Crimes

Aggravated Assault-a person that inflicts serious injury upon another person or uses a deadly weapon

Arson- To willfully set fire to or burn or cause to be burned or aid, counsel or procure the burning of any building or other structure of any type

Battery- is the unlawful touching or forceful striking of another person using a hand, a weapon or other instrument.

Bribery- is giving money or property to a public official in exchange for a favor

Burglary- Any person who breaks or enters any building with intent to commit any felony or larceny therein

Contempt of Court- occurs when a person ignores a court order or shows a lack of respect for the court

Criminal Act- an act that is punishable offense against society

Criminal Intent- means the defendant intended to commit the act and intended to do evil. This is a **required state of mind** for intent to be proven

Duty- it is everyone's duty to know the law and to conform their conduct to the law

Embezzlement- Take, make away with or secrete, with intent to embezzle or fraudulently or knowingly and willfully misapply or convert to his own use, any money or items with monetary value.

Felony- a crime punishable by confinement for more than a year in a state prison or by a fine more than a \$1000, or both.

Forgery- placing a false signature on a check or other document in order to deceive or deprive someone of their property

Fraud- when a person or a business uses deception to obtain money or property.

Infraction- An infraction is a noncriminal violation of law not punishable by imprisonment

Kidnapping- the unlawful removal or restraint of a person against his or her will.

Larceny- Larceny of property where the value of the property or goods is not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)

Manslaughter- the killing of another person with malice or intent

Misdemeanor- a less serious crime that is usually punishable in a local jail for less than one year, or by a fine or both.

Money Laundering- When illegally obtained money is put into or through a business to hide its origin

Murder- the intentional killing of another person

Obstruction of Justice- occurs when a person does something that hinders the court to move forward in a case

Perjury- occurs when a person under oath lies during a court or administrative process

Rape- a victim who is unconscious; or a victim who is physically unable to resist an act a sexual act or communicate unwillingness to submit to an act of vaginal intercourse or a sexual act

Robbery- the wrongful taking of property from another person by threat or the actual use of force, violence or a weapon

Simple Assault- is an attempt to commit a battery against another person

Statutory Rape- if the defendant engages in a sexual act with another person who is 13, 14, or 15 years old and the defendant is at least six years older than the person

Treason- giving aid and comfort to enemies of the United States

Vandalism- willful or malicious damage to property either private or public.

Violation of Duty- the specific conduct that violates the statute