Unit 9 Assignment

As you learned in this week’s unit, the term “insanity” is a legal, rather than a psychological concept. After reviewing the text material on the legal and ethical issues regarding criminal commitment, the article, “Andrea Yates: More to the Story”, and the supplemental video *Juries and Insanity*, complete the follow:

Select a news story about a criminal case where the defendant used the not guilty by insanity defense. You can use the Andrea Yates case. Students are to use APA writing style. Complete the following in a total of 1 to 2 pages. When completed, submit the Unit 9 Assignment Template to the Unit 9 Assignment Dropbox.

**Overview of the Case Story**

In 2 to 3 paragraphs, provide an overview of the case story.

**Not Guilty by Insanity Defense**

In 1 to 2 paragraphs, explain why it is difficult for the defendant in the chosen story to be found not guilty by insanity in a court of law. The best answer will discuss how it can be determined whether a mental illness affected the individual’s ability from knowing right from wrong at the time the crime was committed.

**Ethical Issues**

In 2 to 3 paragraphs, discuss any ethical concerns that pertain to the chosen case story.

References