

CJ230: Unit 7 Assignment Checklist

Assignment: Elements of a Criminal Act

Scenario:

Patrice wanted to kill her mother-in-law, Kayla, so she hid behind a building and waited for her to get off the bus. When Kayla got off the bus, Patrice shot at her with her rifle, but missed and killed Angela, who was behind her. Patrice attempted to fire again at Kayla, but her rifle jammed and Patrice ran off.

Patrice's attorney moved to dismiss the charge of the attempted murder of Kayla on the ground that Patrice could not have killed Kayla due to the malfunctioning of her rifle. The court granted the motion.

Assignment:

Was the court correct in dismissing the attempted murder charge? Be sure to identify and describe the elements of a criminal act (at least three) and address impossibility and distinguish if it is a complete or incomplete attempt.

Also address any ethical or moralistic concerns associated with allowing a criminal defendant to avoid criminal responsibility by successfully asserting a legal defense such as impossibility.

Answer the questions above in a 2–3-page paper (excluding cover and reference pages) in APA format.

Note: This Assignment will require outside research. Use at least two credible sources beyond the text material and discuss how you evaluated the credibility of the resources used. You may consult the Online Library, the Internet, the textbook, other course materials, and any other outside resources in supporting your task, using proper citations in APA style.

Directions for Submitting Your Assignment

Write your essay in a Microsoft® Word® document and save it in a location and with a name that you will remember. Be sure to include your name, class, and section number in your essay. Submit your Assignment by selecting the ***Unit 7: Assignment in the Dropbox by the end of Unit 7.***

<i>Criteria: Ask yourself the following questions.</i>	Not Yet	Yes
Purpose for Writing		
Did you identify three elements that constitute a criminal act?		
Did you describe the elements that compose a crime?		
Did you provide examples to support your discussion?		
Did you identify any ethical or moralistic concerns associated with the criminal defendant?		
Do you have a clear Purpose for your paper?		
Did you state the Major Topics clearly?		
Research		
Is your research Current ?		
Did you use two Credible Sources ?		
Did you answer all the questions in a Substantive manner?		
Content		
Is your content Accurate ?		
Is your content Comprehensive enough to address the topic?		
Format		
Did you prepare your paper in Microsoft® Word® document?		
Did you name your file correctly?		
Did you use APA format to cite your sources?		
Did you check your document for Spelling errors?		
Did you check your paper for Grammatical errors?		
Is your paper the correct Length ?		