

# Consequences of Crime Workbook

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Instructions: Read and follow the instructions on each page. The entire packet must be completed and returned by the sentence completion date. Incomplete work will not receive credit!

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Case: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 1: Consequences of Crime Journal**

Read a newspaper or look at articles published on the internet for the next few weeks. Cut out a total of six articles that relate to your charge and attach them to this packet. If you are unsure of the kind of articles to attach, read Part 2 of this packet first. It contains several examples of the types of stories you are to look for.

Write a 1-page essay about each article that you select. Tell as much about the case and the families involved as possible. Then, express how you would feel if you were the victim.

Your essay should either be typed and included, or neatly printed in blue or black ink.

**Part 2: Consequences of Crime Articles**

*A video camera on an Ohio school bus last month caught a 17-year-old boy furiously punching a 14-year-old while other students stood by and watched. Authorities said the teen was hit 27 times and his mother reported that he suffered a concussion and a fractured eye socket.*

*The videotape, broadcast on national news shows, left anchors wondering aloud why student bystanders didn't do anything to help the boy. The attacker has been charged with felonious assault.*

**What do you think the consequences for committing an act of violence like this should be for a teenage defendant? Why?**

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**Why do you think the "bystanders" did not try to stop the offender?**

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**What do you think the "bystanders" should have done in this situation?**

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**Have you ever witnessed an act of violence similar to this? What did you do? Explain:**

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*Police on Wednesday charged 11 minors, some younger than 14, in connection with separate car thefts in the area. Six boys and two girls, all under 14, were arrested Monday morning for the theft of two vehicles from the community. That afternoon, police arrested four other boys after an officer saw them get into a Dodge Durango at the Mall. The officer ran the license plate of the car, and saw that it was reported stolen. With police on their tail, the group jumped from the car and ran. Three of the four boys arrested were under 16 years old.*

**What punishment do you think the juveniles should receive for these offenses? Why?**

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**How would you feel if your parents' vehicle was one of the vehicles stolen by this group?**

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**How do you believe being arrested for these thefts will affect these juveniles' futures?**

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**Why do you think a teenager would participate in this type of criminal activity?**

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*A juvenile was shot Sunday night after he allegedly participated in a home invasion in southwest Cobb County. According to police, two juveniles attempted to rob a home just before 11 p.m. Sunday. When police arrived on the scene, they found one of the youths with a gunshot wound. Police said that during the attempted robbery the youths shot at the victims. One of the people in the home returned fire, wounding one of the youths. He was taken to a local hospital. The remaining juvenile was charged with aggravated assault.*

**What should the consequences be for committing a crime such as this?**

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**What are your thoughts on this situation? Explain:**

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**Do you think there is any possible justification for a teenager to participate in this type of violent crime? Explain:**

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*Police said Saturday night's fatal shooting of a teenager was accidental and have charged a friend in the death. Makonnen Sheran, 18, is in the County jail without bond charged with involuntary manslaughter and reckless conduct, Deputy Chief Tim Robinson said Tuesday. He is to make a first appearance in Court today at 1:30 p.m.*

*Police said he accidentally shot his friend, Anthony Godoy, 16, while they sat with a third unidentified friend in a car parked in Godoy's driveway. Robinson said Sheran was trying to take a Taurus .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun from Godoy's lap when the gun fired, hitting Godoy in the head. Robinson said Sheran was arrested late Monday night at his home.*

**How could this tragedy have been avoided?**

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**If you knew a friend had a gun in his/her possession, what could you do in order to prevent this tragedy from occurring?**

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**What punishment do you think this defendant should receive for this incident and why?**

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*A teenager who caused a fatal wreck while driving a stolen car will serve 10 years in prison for the crime, the District Attorney's office said Monday. Prosecutors said Reuben Boye-Owusu, now 19, and a 16-year-old stole a Pontiac in February 2006. Officers saw the duo run a red light and began to follow. Boye-Owusu sped into downtown Atlanta, ran a red light on the corner of Central Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and collided with a Nissan.*

*The driver of the Nissan, 33-year-old Glen Mitchell, died at the scene. The teens in the stolen car ran off, but were arrested the next day.*

**This is an example of how breaking one rule or law can lead into other more serious crimes. What do you think of the sentence that the judge gave the offender? Do you think it is too harsh or not tough enough? Explain your reasons:**

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**The law states that we must stop when ordered to do so by the Police. Running from the Police is a separate crime called fleeing and eluding (in a vehicle) or resisting arrest (on-foot), do you think it is ever wise to run from the Police? Explain:**

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*Mitchell Alan Salmeron wanted to help a friend skip school, so he took on a Middle Eastern accent last year and called 91, saying a bomb was planted in Dade County High School, his alma mater. On Thursday, the 19-year-old was sentenced to 15 months in federal prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. U.S. Attorney David Nahmias said the hoax cannot be "dismissed as youthful foolishness" because of the "environment of heightened security awareness in which we all live today." The school had to be evacuated and searched. No bomb was found. The call was quickly traced to Salmeron, who admitted he made the call.*

**What are your thoughts on this case? Does the punishment fit the crime? Why or why not?**

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*A 17-year-old youth died at the Hospital early Saturday morning of possible alcohol poisoning, police said. Austin Phillips, address unknown, was brought by to Grady Hospital by friends about 2:30 a.m. "They said he had been drinking vodka for several hours," James Polite, a police spokesperson said. No one has been charged.*

**What are your thoughts on this situation? Should someone be held responsible for this teen's death? If so, who should be charged? Explain why or why not:**

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*A Macintosh High School student faces charges after police found weapons, drugs, and alcohol Tuesday inside his car parked in a nearby off-campus lot, police said. Clayton West, 17, is charged with possession of marijuana, minor in possession of alcohol and four counts of possession of a weapon within a school zone, police said. He is in the County Jail without bond pending a first appearance hearing later Wednesday afternoon, police said.*

*A school resource officer was conducting a perimeter check of the school when she noticed what looked like a handgun inside an unattended car with Fulton County tags, police said. The car was parked across from McIntosh High School on an access road commonly used by students, police said.*

*A subsequent search turned up a BB handgun and air soft handgun that looked like real firearms, police said. Police also found brass knuckles, a large knife, marijuana and alcohol.*

*The arrest happened the same day Fayette District Attorney Scott Ballard was in Superior Court arguing for the incarceration of a 17-year-old Whitewater High School honors student charged in August for bringing a cache of unloaded weapons to school in a locked gun case inside his trunk. Ballard said in court that he feared a copycat incident and asked Judge Tommy Hankinson for jail time for Robin Kittrell of Fayetteville.*

*Ballard said Wednesday that he is not familiar with the new case but in light of the new charges, he was glad Hankinson handed down a sentence of confinement for Kittrell. "It makes me really glad the judge sentenced him the way he did because we don't want others thinking it's OK to bring weapons to school."*

**What should you do if you found out that someone had guns/weapons at school? Explain:**

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**This case is in reference to the student possessing weapons, drugs, and alcohol; what type of punishment do you think the offender should receive and why?**

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