

JUS 375 Milestone One Guidelines and Rubric

Prompt: In this milestone, you will complete the first in a series of reviews challenging you to wear the hat of a criminal justice practitioner and offer analysis of the situation based on case law research. The scenario provided will also be addressed as Section VII of your final project.

Read the scenario and then provide a short analysis based on the questions that follow.

Jim Aiken

Jim Aiken comes home early from work and finds his wife in bed with the mailman. He immediately shoots and kills the mailman. Aiken then goes downstairs, makes himself a sandwich, and watches TV while his wife is frozen in fear in bed. After two hours, Aiken goes back upstairs and shoots and kills his wife. You have been tasked with preparing the case for his defense attorney.

- A. Applying the appropriate sociological and criminological scientific methods of inquiry, what crime did Aiken commit regarding the **mailman**, and what possible defense could be used?
- B. What crime did Aiken commit regarding his **wife**, and what possible defense could be used? Support your response by explaining how you applied the scientific methods of inquiry.

Guidelines for Submission: Your paper must be about one page long and must use double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins. Include appropriate scholarly sources to support your ideas. In-text citations and the reference list should be formatted according to APA style.

Rubric

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Jim Aiken: Mailman	Meets “Proficient” criteria and cites scholarly research that is aligned with claims	Applies appropriate sociological and criminological scientific methods of inquiry to accurately ascertain what crime Aiken committed regarding the mailman and what possible defense could be used	Applies sociological and criminological scientific methods of inquiry to ascertain what crime Aiken committed regarding the mailman and what possible defense could be used but does not use appropriate methods or is inaccurate in what crime was committed	Does not apply sociological and criminological scientific methods of inquiry to ascertain what crime Aiken committed regarding the mailman	40

Jim Aiken: Wife	Meets "Proficient" criteria and cites scholarly research that is aligned with claims	Applies appropriate sociological and criminological scientific methods of inquiry to accurately ascertain what crime Aiken committed regarding his wife and what possible defense could be used	Applies sociological and criminological scientific methods of inquiry to ascertain what crime Aiken committed regarding his wife and what possible defense could be used but does not use the appropriate methods or is inaccurate in what crime was committed	Does not apply sociological and criminological scientific methods of inquiry to accurately ascertain what crime Aiken committed regarding his wife	40
Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy to read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	20
Earned Total					100%