

JUS 375 Journal Three Rubric

Overview: Journals in this course are private between the student and the instructor. Approach these activities as (a) an opportunity to reflect upon and apply what you learn each week based on the assigned readings, discussions, and activities, and (b) an opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise based on your educational and professional experiences in the past. As a successful professional, you will need good reflective and writing skills. Journal activities offer you the opportunity to further develop these skills.

Prompt: Jasper robs the home of Peter and Carly, two meth dealers. He steals expensive jewelry, meth equipment, and meth. You are the assigned detective to the robbery and receive a reliable tip that Jasper has stashed the goods in his home. You want to use thermal imaging to detect the presence of the stolen items. A senior detective advises you that you do not need a warrant. Based upon your reading of [Kyllo v. United States](#), what should you do? How does the court’s decision reinforce ethical behavior and constitutional limits on law-enforcement officers? Write a journal assignment that addresses these questions. Refer to your textbook and relevant scholarly sources to support the points and observations made in your journal assignment.

Note: *Kyllo v. United States* is also referenced in your final project. Review of this case will also support Section VIII of your final project.

Guidelines for Submission: Your journal assignment must be 300–400 words (excluding the references). Citations should be formatted according to APA style. Submit assignment as a Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Next Steps: Obtaining a Warrant	Meets “Proficient” criteria, and explanation includes reference to ruling in <i>Kyllo v. United States</i>	Includes recommended next steps related to the provided scenario and includes supporting explanation	Includes recommended next steps but lacks justification or supporting explanation	Does not include recommended next steps or supporting explanation	30
Reinforcement of Ethical Behavior and Constitutional Limits	Meets “Proficient” criteria, and submission includes reflection on unique scenarios and situations outside the provided scenario and case	Provides explanation and examples about how the <i>Kyllo</i> decision reinforces ethical behavior and constitutional limits on law-enforcement officers	Provides a basic explanation of ethical behavior and constitutional limits on law-enforcement officers, but not in relation to the <i>Kyllo</i> decision	Does not address the ethical behavior and constitutional limits on law-enforcement officers	30

Supporting Evidence and Scholarly Research	Meets “Proficient” criteria, and the synthesis of sources is especially well supported, cogent, and insightful	Analysis of evidence from text and scholarly sources is logical, well supported, and of appropriate depth and complexity	Analysis of evidence from text and scholarly sources is illogical and/or not well supported or lacks appropriate depth and complexity	Does not include any evidence from text or scholarly sources to support the points and observations	20
Articulation of Response	Meets “Proficient” criteria and has excellent syntax and sentence construction	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%