

## Summer Assignment – Criminology

### Task One

#### **TYPES OF CRIME**

In the UK there are a whole variety of crimes committed on a day to day basis. Throughout the summer holidays read newspapers or watch the news and identify at least one crime from each of the area in the box.

***Type of crime, white collar (organised corporate professional), moral, state (human rights), technological (e-crime), individual (hate, honour, domestic abuse)***

You must write a paragraph on each crime covering the points below

- 1) Offence committed
- 2) Type of victim
- 3) Type of offender
- 4) Level of public awareness

## Task Two

### Reasons certain crimes go unreported

**More than half of the violent crimes committed in Scotland over a year were not reported to police, according to a survey.**

The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) estimates there were 688,000 crimes against adults in their homes, with 502,000 of these property crimes and 186,000 violent crimes.

It calculated only 38% of these crimes were reported to police, with 44% of violent crimes and 36% of property crimes reported.

The survey found the most common reasons for non-reporting were that the victim felt the police could not have done anything (36%) or that the incident was too trivial or not worth reporting (32%).

More than 1.1 million frauds and online crimes were not reported to the police last year at a staggering cost of £12.1million to the economy, a damning report reveals today. Individuals and businesses shrugged their shoulders and decided not to inform the police of 85 per cent of swindles to which they fell victim. It means the official 3.7million crime figure for England and Wales would have been nearly one-third higher had the unreported cons been included - pushing up the number of annual offences to almost 5million. The City of London Police estimate gives for the first time an indication of the scale of fraud and cyber-crime.

**DOMESTIC violence remains one of the most underreported crimes with new research confirming only half of all victims report the assault to police.**

A survey of 300 victims conducted by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research also found one in five victims did not report their most recent incident because they felt the police were not sufficiently understanding or proactive in their handling of DV.

NSW is in the grip of a domestic violence crisis with 135,000 reported cases last year, up 30 per cent from five years ago. Domestic violence also accounts for 40 per cent of all homicides with one woman a week dying at the hands of her partner.

**You are to read the three extracts from newspapers above and then identifying specific crimes give reasons why they might go unreported. You are to include the following crimes:**

**Common assault, Domestic abuse, vandalism, rape, vagrancy, prostitution, assisted suicide**

**YOUR FINDINGS ARE TO BE PRODUCED AS A PRESENTATION**

