

Criminal Law

Chapter 9 Assessment

Identify the TYPE of homicide committed in each case. EXPLAIN in detail how the elements of the homicide you determined apply to the situation. Argue any mitigating factors and Work The Facts

1. John and his new wife, Mary, decide to go to Las Vegas on their honeymoon. John's jealous ex-wife finds out what airline they are taking and what day they are flying. Martha, the ex-wife, plants a bomb on the plane. Martha has no idea what time the flight takes off but she sets the bomb to go off at 7:00 in the morning. The bomb, in fact, does go off at 7:00 killing a baggage handler who is loading luggage on the plane.
2. Sami was texting on her phone while she was driving and started to go off the road. Sami, still looking at her text messages, overcorrected her car and hit a car in oncoming traffic. Donnie, the driver of the other vehicle, in order to avoid a collision, swerves before impact and runs over a young mother pushing an infant in a stroller, killing both.
3. Danny is walking along a busy street. Danny bumps into Bill and continues walking without saying, "Sorry." Angered by Danny's rudeness, Bill immediately pulls out a knife and kills him.
4. Standing next to each other in a bookstore a few feet away from the top of a flight of stairs, Mark and Steven argue over the proper interpretation of free will in Hobbes's philosophy. The argument becomes increasingly animated and culminates when Steven points a finger at Mark and Mark pushes Steven backwards. The push is hard enough to cause Steven to fall backwards and down the stairs. Steven dies from the resulting injuries.
5. Larry comes home to find that his wife Lisa has been badly beaten and sexually abused. Larry takes Lisa to the hospital. On the way, Lisa tells Larry that her attacker was Barry, the owner of a bar that she and Larry occasionally visit. After driving Lisa home from the

hospital about five hours later, Larry goes to a gun shop and buys a gun. Larry then goes to the tavern and shoots and kills Barry.

6. Kurt robs a convenience store at gunpoint. As the cashier hands him money out of the cash register, Kurt hears a siren and runs outside, stuffing the money in his pockets. He sees a dark alley and dashes into it. While he crouches there waiting for the police to leave, a homeless person living in the alley taps him on the shoulder. Startled, Kurt spins around and shoots and kills the homeless person.

Remember: Analysis is the key!