



RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Course Title: (Lesson Domain #05: Introduction to Criminal Law)

Hours of Instruction: 3

Course Objectives:

I.

- a) Identify the relationship among:
 - 1. Constitutional law
 - 2. Statutory law
 - 3. Case law

II.

- a) Differentiate between the Letter of the Law and the Spirit of the Law
- b) Differentiate between criminal and civil law

III.

- a) Recall the statutory definition of a crime
- b) Identify the basic elements common to all crimes
- c) Identify the basic elements required of an attempt to commit a crime
- d) Discuss general, specific, and transferred intent crimes
- e) Differentiate between criminal intent and criminal negligence

IV.

- a) Identify three classes of crime:
 - 1. Felony
 - 2. Misdemeanor
 - 3. Infraction

b) Differentiate among the three parties to a crime, to include:

1. Principals

2. Accessories

3. Accomplices

c) Identify people legally incapable of committing a crime