**Mackenzie Secondary School**

**Law 12**

Final Project

**Instructions:**

For the final project, you must write a short story following a criminal case from start to finish.

The short story must:

* Have 750-1000 words
* Have a cover page with word count
* Arial or Times New Roman font, size 12
* Double spaced paragraphs
* Follow the outline below

**Story Outline:**

**Part 1: Introduction (2 paragraphs)**

* + Paragraph 1: Who?
    - Introduce your character and develop a back story. Include age, name, family, job, town, setting, etc. (Note: your character must be over the age of 18 for the criminal proceedings to be accurate)
  + Paragraph 2: The Crime
    - Where, when, how, why did the crime happen? Who was involved? Name the crime and whether or not it was an indictable offence or a summary conviction offence.

**Part 2: The Arrest (2 paragraphs)**

* + Paragraph 1: The Investigation
    - How did the police find out about the crime?
    - Describe the arrest procedures the police went through (hint: p. 146-148 of textbook will help)
  + Paragraph 2: The Rights of the Accused
    - Did the police act appropriately and follow all the accused legal rights and search laws? (hint: p.154-164 of textbook)
    - Was the accused released on bail or detained until their hearing? (p. 164-170)

**Part 3: Awaiting Trial (1 paragraph)**

* + Paragraph 1:
    - Will the crime be heard in a provincial court or a provincial superior court?
    - Did the accused plea guilty or not guilty in the preliminary hearing? (p. 173)

**Part 4: Trial Procedures (4 paragraphs)**

* + Paragraph 1: Courtroom Participants (see ch. 6)
    - Who is at the trial?
    - Is there a jury?
    - Are there any witnesses?
  + Paragraph 2: Presentation of Evidence
    - Arraignment
    - Crown Evidence (include at least 2 different types of evidence)
    - Defence Evidence (include at least 2 different types of evidence)
      * What defences were used to help acquit the accused? (see chapter 8 list of possible defences)
    - Witness testimony
  + Paragraph 3: Reaching a Verdict
    - Jury Deliberation (if applicable)
    - Jury’s decision
  + Paragraph 4: The Verdict
    - Reading of the verdict to the accused
    - The sentence (jail? How long? Max sentence? Was it downgraded?)

**Part 5: Conclusion (1 paragraph)**

* + Wrap it up – where are they now?
  + What happened to the victim(s) and/or their family?
  + Has justice been served?
  + Does the criminal feel remorse?
  + What are the chances the criminal may re-offend?
  + Has the criminal learned their lesson?