

Criminal Law Cheat Sheet

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Party Liability			
principal	person who actually commits the actus reus of the crime		
Accomplice	person who aids or abets the principal prior to or during the crime; must intend to help principal; mere knowledge is insufficient		
Accomplice Liability for Other Crimes	accomplice is liable for any crimes that are the natural and probable consequence of the accomplice's conduct		
Withdrawal	to legally withdraw, an accomplice must repudiate prior act, do all that is possible to countermand prior assistance, and do so before the Chaim of motion is unstoppable		
Accessory after the fact	person who aids a felon to avoid apprehension after the felony is committed; must know felony was committed		

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The defendant is not guilty if, because of a mental disease or defect, the defendant did not know either (i) the nature and quality of the act, or (ii) the wrongfulness of the act.

Responsibility- Insanity (cont)			
Irresi- stible Impulse	The defendant is not guilty if a mental disease or defect prevented him from being able to conform his conduct to the law.		
Durham Rule	The defendant is not guilty if the crime would not have been committed but for the mental disease or defect.		
Model Penal Code	The defendant is not guilty if a mental disease or defect either prevents the defendant from knowing the wrongfulness of the conduct or prevents the defendant from being able to conform his conduct to the law		
Responsi	hility- Intoxication		

Responsibility-Intoxication

Voluntary	is a defense to specific intent
	crimes if the intoxication
	prevents the formation of the
	required intent; not a defense to
	crimes involving malice, reckle-
	ssness, or negligence, or for
	strict-liability crimes
Involu-	defense to both general and
ntary	specific intent crimes, as well
Dissol-	as malice crimes when the
ution	intoxication serves to negate an
	element of the crime

Responsibility- Mistake of Fact

General	Only reasonable mistake may be
Intent	used as a defense
Specific	Any mistake of fact is a potential
Intent	defense; even unreasonable
	mistakes

Homicide	
Killing a person	a living person must die
Causation	Actual and Proximate Cause (Intervening or Superseding causes)
Common Law Murder	the unlawful killing of a human being committed with malice aforethought
Malice aforet- hought	intent to kill, intent to inflict serious bodily harm, reckless indifference to an unjustifiably high risk to human life, intent to commit a felony
Felony Murder	a defendant can be found guilty for the unintended but foreseeable killing that is proximately caused by or during the commission or attempted commission of an inherently dangerous felony; BARRK
Defenses to Felony Murder	death was unforeseeable; point of safety
Death of a bystander (majority rule)	defendant will not be liable for the death of a bystander caused by a police officer or as a result of resistance by the victim of the felony because neither person is the felon's agent. KEY=agency



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Homicide (cont)		Homicide (cont)		Crimes Against Property	
Death of a co-felon	defendant will not be liable for the death of a co-felon if a victim or police officer kills the co-felon	Involuntary Mansla- ughter	an unintentional homicide committed with criminal negligence or during an unlawful act	Larceny	The trespassory taking and carrying away of the personal property of another, without consent, with the specific
First Degree Murder	Premeditated and deliberate Criminal Grossly negligent action that Negligence puts another person at a significant risk of serious		intent to permanently deprive the owner of the property at the time of the taking		
Premed- itated	defendant had enough time to plan and reflect on the idea of the killing	Unlawful	bodily injury or death. MPC also requires awareness unlawful act that does not rise	Embezz- lement	The fraudulent conversion of the property of another by a person who is in lawful
Deliberate	made the decision to kill in a cool and dispassionate manner	Act	to felony murder and a death occurs as a result	False Pretenses	possession of the property defendant obtains title to the
Second	egree malicious intent (to kill, to do	Other Crime	Other Crimes Against the Person		property of another person through reliance of that person
Murder		Criminal Battery			on a false representation of material fact made by the defendant with the intent to defraud. Representation must be false and material
Voluntary Mansla- ughter	murder committed in response to adequate provocation (heat of passion)				
Provoc- ation	Objective: reasonable person would have been provoked (words not enough). Subjective: defendant actually	Criminal Assault	An attempt to commit a battery, or intentionally placing another in appreh-	Robbery	A larceny by force or intimi- dation when the taking of property is from the victim or in his presence
	provoked		ension of imminent bodily harm	Burglary	he breaking and entering of the dwelling of another at
Time to Objective: There must not cool off have been sufficient time for an ordinary (reasonable) person to cool off; Subjective:	Kidnapping			nighttime with the specific intent to commit a felony therein	
	The defendant also must not have actually cooled off.		either movement or concea- Iment of that person	Inchoate C	rimes
	nave astuany ecolog on.	False Impris-	The unlawful confinement of a person without consent.	Conspiracy	An agreement between two or more people to accomplish

Crimes Against Property		
Larceny	The trespassory taking and carrying away of the personal property of another, without consent, with the specific intent to permanently deprive the owner of the property at the time of the taking	
Embezz- lement	The fraudulent conversion of the property of another by a person who is in lawful possession of the property	
False Pretenses	defendant obtains title to the property of another person through reliance of that person on a false representation of material fact made by the defendant with the intent to defraud. Representation must be false and material	
Robbery	A larceny by force or intimi- dation when the taking of property is from the victim or in his presence	
Burglary	he breaking and entering of the dwelling of another at nighttime with the specific intent to commit a felony therein	
Inchoate C	rimes	
Conspiracy	An agreement between two	



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Rape

Other person must be aware

of confinement or must be

Unlawful sexual intercourse

with a person against his/her will by force or threat of immediate force.

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an unlawful purpose with

specific intent to agree and

commit the criminal object +

an overt act in furtherance of

the conspiracy. NO merger



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Inchoate Crimes (cont)

Liability conspirator is liable for the for Co-conspiracy and all the crimes of a conspi-co-conspirator committed in furtherance of the conspiracy crimes

Withdrawal (majority rule)

Attempt requires a substantial step toward the commission of a crime coupled with the specific intent to commit the crime. Mere preparation is not enough. MERGES

Abando once the defendant has taken a nment substantial step toward the commission of the offense, the defendant may not legally abandon the attempt to commit the crime

Solici- Individual invites, requests, or

commands another person to

commit a crime. MERGES

Defenses

tation

Self-D- the use of reasonable force to efense protect oneself at a reasonable time; Deadly force may only be used to protect against the use of deadly force

Imperfect Too much force for the circum-

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 Too much force for the circum

 Self-D stances may mitigate a murder

 efense
 charge down to voluntary

 manslaughter

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Duress third

third party's unlawful threat causes a defendant to reasonably believe that the only way to avoid death or serious bodily injury to himself or another is to violate the law, and that causes the defendant to do so

Duress duress is not a defense to and intentional homicide, but it is Homicide available for criminally negligent homicide

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