Writing Assignment

Choose ONE of the following assignments to complete for Unit 4. Write your answers in paragraph form using complete sentences. Length will vary depending on the acts of deviance you are describing and which theory you are applying, however be sure to fully explain the theory and how it applies to the situation. Remember to use Times New Roman 12 or Arial 12 font and double space.

1. Select a movie, produced, and distributed within the last five years, with a plot that centers on a crime. There are many movies with storylines involving a bank robbery or murder. You need one that gives quite a bit of detail about the crime and who committed it. Write a brief description of the crime using all the information given to you about the crime by the plot of the movie. If the movie includes more than one act of deviance – for example if a robbery is committed and later a murder takes place - you may choose one of those acts to focus on. Include the title of the movie and the year it was produced. Select one of the theories of deviance and use it to explain the crime sociologically. Use two sources relating to the theory in addition to your textbook. These will help you understand the selected theory well enough to make this kind of application successfully. Write your reason for selecting the theory and how it applies to the crime featured in the movie. List the sources used at the end of the paper and use citations within the paper.

*A brief description should be one to two paragraphs in length.

2. Choose an actual crime from your area. Learn as much about the incident as you can. You need to know who was involved and any details about their lives you can gather. You must use at least two reliable sources of information, such as a newspaper or televised news report, to learn the details. You may also use informal sources, such as Facebook posts or local rumors, but please specify within the paper if the information given is from an informal source. Select one of the theories of deviance that you feel best explains the crime sociologically. Use two sources relating to the theory in addition to your textbook. These will help you understand the selected theory well enough to make this kind of application successfully. Write your reason for selecting the theory and how it applies to the crime from your area. List the sources used at the end of the paper and use citations within the paper. *A brief summary should be one to two paragraphs in length

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