



Group Four

Case Study Block 9 Intervention

TRAINEE

Deputy Aaron Gates

Trainee Bio

Deputy Gates is a 21-year-old male with a high school education. He lives with his parents. He has worked as a clerk in an auto parts store since high school, but has always wanted to be a deputy sheriff. Deputy Gates put himself through an extended basic police academy while still working as an assistant manager at the auto parts store. He was an average student in the academy. The academy staff noted that while he gave 100% effort at all times, he was only able to graduate in the middle of his class.

Scenario Description – Intervention

You and Deputy Gates respond to a fatal traffic collision in which two teenagers were killed and one teenager was seriously injured. The party at fault was an obviously drunk driver who received minor bruises and is detained and sitting on the curb. You have Gates standby with the drunk driver, prior to a sobriety test, while you are coordinating additional resources via radio and cell phone.

The drunk driver is complaining that his car is totaled and the idiots in the other car better pay for the damage. He is belligerent and yelling profanities at Deputy Gates, screaming at the paramedics that his leg hurts, and demands that the paramedics help him. The parents of one of the victims arrive and begin to scream and cry when they see the car. The drunk driver mumbles that those stupid people cannot control their kids.

You notice Deputy Gates is staring intently at the drunk driver and you can see there is a noticeable rise and fall of his chest as if he were out of breath. Gates leans over and tells the drunk driver to shut his mouth. As the driver continues his remarks, Deputy Gates puts his face directly in the face of the driver and yells at the driver, using the “F” word, to shut his mouth. The drunk driver laughs and says, “Tell those crybabies,” referring to the victim’s parents, “to shut their mouths.” Gates then grabs the back of the driver’s neck and lifts him up and begins to move him away from the parents. Gates then sits him back down on the curb with a little force and tells the driver he is a murderer. Would you have intervened, and if so, when? What would you do, and why?