



2008-2009 Class Expectations Criminal Law – Criminal Investigation

This class is designed for Juniors' and/or Seniors' due to the mature content of some of the material presented. (IE: homicide law & sex crimes)

1st Semester- **Criminal Law** will be the study of Criminal Law from the Texas Penal Code, including traffic law, the associated terminology, the 1st and 4th Amendments, and Probable Cause to arrest and/or search.

2nd Semester- **Criminal Investigation** will deal with the Characteristics of a Criminal Investigator, crime scenes, lifting latent prints, identifying the three types of fingerprints, analyzing blood spatter, building probable cause for and writing a search warrant, concluding with working a murder case from the officers' first report to the arrest of the actor(s). **(The murder case will be used as the students FINAL SEMESTER EXAM)** We will go on several OCED, Off Campus Educational Days, to jails and courts, as well as participate in the Kerrville Police Departments "Ride-A-Long" program where the student will ride with an officer for a day. Both semesters may include videos of actual narcotic search warrants being served, actual cases from Crime & Punishment, Dominic & Dunn, Court TV, and Forensic Files, among others resources that are available.

My expectations are simple. Be respectful of yourself and others. Come to class prepared. Violations will be handled by the class themselves, acting as judge and jury. If found guilty, punishment can range from a verbal warning, to probation, lunch detention or, ISS, if the violation is of a serious nature, and with permission from Mr. Jones. Thanks for your support...

Mr. Jim Harvey

Student/Parent/Guardian

