The Lake Assignment

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This podcast focuses on child neglect, social justice, and the nurse's role in involving the state. After listening, answer the following questions completely. You must include at least 1 scholarly source within the last 5 years that addresses child abuse or removing children from parental custody to support your opinion in at least one of the questions. This source must be properly cited with in-text citations and the full citation must be provided in APA format.

1. **Do you think that investigators (DCFS/police) made assumptions based on the social status of Amanda and Maurice?**

    This nursing student thinks that investigators, in some way, made the assumption based on the social status of Amanda and Maurice. Maurice is unemployed who solely relies upon Amanda, and they have some financial issues. The police may think that Amanda and Maurice want to get rid of the children to have more freedom and move to St. Louis. There was an assumption that life will be easier if they do not need to take care of the children. However, there was some fault on the assumption made since Maurice and Amanda depend on their living based on the three children. The apartment they rented was subsidized by public funding because of her three children. The finances they got are also due to her having three children. These reasons may also make it difficult to know why they want to get rid of the three children.

2. **Based on your knowledge of psychotropic medications, do you think it was appropriate for investigators to interrogate Amanda after she received 3 different medications while admitted in an inpatient psych unit? (this occurs around 11 mins in).**

   This nursing student thinks it was inappropriate for investigators to interrogate Amanda after receiving three different psychotropic medications while admitted in an inpatient psych unit because the answer that Amanda states for the investigator may be inappropriate or unreliable. This medication can alter her thinking process, leading to unreliable responses to the investigators' questions. Also, the medication may not be still effective, and the intended use is not still achieved. Some of this medication will take several weeks to see effect and improvement for the patient. In addition, some medications can also cause confusion, sedation, and difficulty feeling specific emotions (Frandsen & Pennington, 2020).

3. **Based on Maurice's testimony (about 15 mins in) regarding his behavior with Amanda's children, do you think he was using acting maliciously or using poor judgment during the day of the accident?**

   Based on Maurice's testimony regarding his behavior with Amanda's children, this nursing student does not think he was acting maliciously or using poor judgment during the day of the accident. Even if he thinks he is doing it as a prank, it can still be emotionally traumatized and harm the children by doing the act of driving into the water. He was old enough to know that it is unsafe to do that act, and it can cause harm to anyone. Another reason that this nursing

student thinks he was not acting maliciously or using poor judgment because there were other incidents he has done that can harm the children. One incident was where he put one of the children in an oven even if it is off. Even if there is no physical harm intended, this can harm the child psychologically or emotionally.

4. **Do you think there was a racial bias that impacted Maurice's sentence more than Amanda's?**

    This nursing student thinks there was a racial bias to some degree that impacted Maurice's sentence more than Amanda's because they are both still responsible for the death of the three children. Due to Maurice's race and background Maurice, his sentence was stiffer. Maurice is African American which is often associated with having a bad reputation by society. In the podcast, it states that he was unemployed and solely rely upon Amanda. In addition, this nursing student thinks one of the reasons that impacted Maurice's sentence more than Amanda's was the option of sentencing. On Maurice's trial, the juries only had an option of convicting him with murder or not, while in Amanda's trial, the juries also could convict her for child endangerment. If they acquitted Maurice for murder, it would show that he did not play a part in the death of the children, while in Amanda's child endangerment sentence, it still shows that she played a part in the death of her three children child which only has less consequence.

5. **Since Amanda was convicted of child endangerment, do you think she has the right to have additional children after serving her time in prison?**

Everyone can have the right to have additional children after serving time for child endangerment if they can prove they have changed. However, if a person did not make things better for their life or has improved, it is a different case. This nursing student thinks that Amanda has no right to have additional children after serving her time in prison in some ways because she endangered not only one of her children but three children that resulted in death. In addition, according to the podcast, she had a pattern of choosing abusive relationships. Her latest partner was also abusive. Even if she only made one mistake, three innocent lives were taken. She did not even claim she also faults with the deaths. If she wants additional children, she should have carefully considered what she has done in the past before deciding to have additional children.

6. **Do you think the hospital staff had the right to notify DCFS that Amanda Hamm had more children? What about the father's rights?**

This nursing student thinks the hospital staff had the right to notify DCFS that Amanda Hamm had more children if they thought it best and it is for the children's safety. Since she was convicted of child endangerment, this nursing student feels like DCFS needs to know she had additional children to ensure the children are safe and what happened in the past does not happen again. For the father's right, it may be inappropriate because he has no history of child endangerment. However, there are still some instances that the children may

have experienced abuse and neglect since he has a history of drug use and violence.

7. **What is your opinion on "anticipatory neglect" in this case? Do you think that the courts ruled in the benefit of the Hamm-Ware children in this case?**

Anticipatory neglect played a crucial role in this case and the safety of Hamm-Ware children. Since Amanda does not think she is at fault for her previous children's death, it is crucial to think about the Ware children's safety. Anticipatory neglect ensures children do not experience what the parent did with previous children in the past. Ignoring the fact that there is still a chance that those kids experience abuse is not a good idea. It is also in the best interest to think about all children's safety at all costs.

Zeanah & Humphrey (2018) state that many courts are inclined to returning their children to their parents if the parents sufficiently rehabilitation and counseling have met to ensure that child are safe. This nursing student thinks the courts ruled for the benefit of the Hamm-Ware children in this case because they ensure that the children's safety. Both parents are required to go to counseling before reviewing the case. They complete all requirements; however, the children's father failed the drug test, and Amanda was dishonest about the death of her precious children. Also, according to the podcast, Amanda experience domestic violence with her new partner. If a child witnesses domestic violence, it still falls as emotional abuse of child maltreatment (Ricci et al., 2021). It still disrupts child safety.

Reference

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The Lake Assignment Rubric
N433: Clinical Learning Activity

Debriefing Journal Rubric
Minimum Words: 100 per question

CRITERIA	POOR	FAIR	GOOD
Concise and Complete	• Content is incomplete. • Major points are not clear and /or persuasive	• Content is not comprehensive and /or persuasive. • Major points are addressed, but not well supported. • Research is inadequate or does not address course concepts.	• Content is comprehensive, accurate, and persuasive. • Major points are stated clearly and are well supported. • Content and purpose of the writing are clear.
Total: 3 points	**1 point**	**2 points**	**3 points**
Thoughtful Reflection- How will this affect your practice?	• Paper lacks many elements of correct formatting. • Paragraphs are inadequate or excessive in length. • Unspecific as to how simulation meets learning objectives.	• Paper follows most guidelines. • Paper is under word length. • Lacks some specifics as to how simulation meets learning objectives.	• Paper follows designated guidelines. • Paper is the appropriate length as described for the assignment. • States clearly as to how simulation meets learning objectives.
Total: 10 points	**1 point**	**5 points**	**10 points**
APA Format Correct spelling/Grammar. **At least 1 scholarly reference required.** **Each question is answered with at least 100 words**	• Lack of APA format. • Paper contains numerous grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors. • Language uses jargon or conversational tone • Lack of APA citation use and Reference page if references used.	• Inappropriate APA format. • Paper contains few grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors. • Language lacks clarity or includes the use of some jargon or conversational tone. • Inappropriate APA citation use and reference	• Correct APA format • Use of 1 scholarly reference • Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed; spelling is correct. • Language is clear and precise; sentences display consistently strong, varied structure

	• 2-3 questions do not meet the 100-word requirement	page if references used. • 3 questions meet the 100-word requirement	• Correct APA citation and reference page if references used. • All questions meet the 100-word requirement
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