

N433 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. **Total word-count for this assignment is to be no less than 700 words** (this only applies to the content of your answers, not the questions or citations).

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

Investigators made assumptions based on the social status of Amanda and Maurice because on September 02, 2003, Amanda lost her three children without a real reason. The broadcast reported that Amanda and Maurice were dating. Amanda is a white woman, and Maurice is a black guy. Amanda used to live with her three kids and Maurice. They lived in an apartment paid by the government fund. Maurice did not have a job and depended on Amanda for shelter, food, sex, and more. Amanda reports that Maurice cheated on her, and sometimes he was frustrated with the children. They went to the lake on September 02, 2003; Maurice parked the car a few feet from the ramp.

Maurice did not hit the break when they were living, and the car sank into the lake.

Amanda lost her three children because they did not save them. In conclusion, the case is suspicious because the story and the event did not match. That is why the DCF/police could not trust Amanda to care for her children after the 2003 event.

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).

Psychotropic medications, in Amanda's case, can be used to treat post-traumatic stress. However, psychotic drugs can have side effects like headaches, dry mouth, drowsiness, dizziness, constipation, and loss of appetite (Jones & Bartlett, 2020). The investigators could interview Amanda after three doses of psychotic medications to determine if Amanda will change her answers. Sometimes, people lie and tell the truth under the influence of substances. The Amanda case was confusing because some witnesses reported that Amanda and Maurice were not wet, and others say they were. Since the lake has no surveillance cameras and no witnesses, the investigators have the right to use several methods to find out the truth.

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

On the one hand, Maurice could be acting maliciously because no one knew what his plan was. Maurice's behavior can be expected because he is not the biological father and stayed with Amanda because he did not have another place to go. That means Maurice stayed because of the benefits he had on Amanda and the children. On the other hand, Maurice's testimony is not founded. Maurice testified that he could not hit the break, shook, and did not do it intentionally; it was an accident. Looking at all his answers is okay, but the actions did not match his words. Maurice should have been found underwater, looking for ways to save the kids, but he did not do it. In addition, Maurice should have had uncontrollable emotion due to the event, but he had not. Therefore, the investigator will assume Maurice did that intentionally because he did not do what he was supposed to do.

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

Maurice was not impacted by racial bias because his actions were wrong. The story and the event did not match. The broadcast stated that Maurice and Amanda had a plan to move to Saint Louis to live a comfortable life without the presence of the kids. They wanted to eliminate the children before moving. Another key point that made Maurice's sentence more than Amanda's actions is that Maurice was the driver and parked the car a few feet to the lake. He did not save the children. He could try his best to keep them safe. His social status could also influence his decision. For example, a man of his age who

depends on a woman and does not work. He also smokes marijuana, which could impact his decision-making.

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?

Amanda has the right to have additional kids after serving her time in prison. She could be able to take care of her children depending on her mental status. Everyone makes mistakes. Amanda decided to move on and have a new life with a new family. She might not repeat what she did in 2003 because she learned from her mistakes. However, the law does not wait until the other children are harmed or dead. The law refers to what happened in 2003 and trying its best to keep these children safe. It is hard for Amanda to get the life she wants because she can only see her kids with supervision.

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?

The hospital had the right to notify DCFS to prevent kids from being hurt. According to Hoft and Haddad (2017), 702 000 children were abused, and 1,580 of them passed away from abuse and neglect in 2014. The article states that this estimation is low due to unreported cases, and other subjects are claimed as accidental. Besides death, children can have different consequences during adulthood, including physical, psychological, and mental issues. This study is an example of Maurice, who claimed that

the death of the three kids was an accident, which means many children are subject to neglect, affecting their future and quality of life.

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?

In my opinion, this case is anticipatory neglect because the story did not match their action. Parents who neglect their children should be educated or taking the children away from them. The court is fighting for the right of Hamm-ware children. The court has the right to protect these children before being harmed because Ware has a history of drug use and Amanda's 2003 event of her children who died after drowning in water. Both parents' s history does not guarantee that kids will be safe if left on their hands. therefore, the court has the right to protect the basic need of these kids

References

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The Lake Assignment Rubric
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<p style="text-align: center;">Total: 10 points</p>	<p>length.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unspecific as to how simulation meets learning objectives. <p style="text-align: center;">1 point</p>	<p>how simulation meets learning objectives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States clearly as to how simulation meets learning objectives. <p style="text-align: center;">10 points</p>
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