The Lake Assignment

1. I believe that DCFS/police did make assumptions based on the social status of both Amanda and Maurice. Many of the presumptions that the police/DCFS were not limited to social class and race, as Maurice spent life in prison and Amanda had child endangerment charges. Race played a part in the severity of their sentencing, even though they were both equally responsible for the events. The police had some sort of prejudice towards Amanda as he was interviewing her. He seemed to have a narrative that they were terrible good parents who spent their money on anything other than their kids.

2. It was inappropriate for investigators to interrogate Amanda after receiving three different psychotropic medications while being admitted to an inpatient psych unit. Amanda on three other psychotropic medications may also be too potent for her well-being. The side effects of the drugs can impair someone's memory and judgment, and it's unfair to have someone state their testimony during an altered state of mind. Amanda may have been overwhelmed during her time at the inpatient psych unit, and it's inappropriate to interrogate someone when they're not currently stable. It would've been more appropriate for investigators to wait till she is much more mentally steady to interview her.

3. Based on Maurice's testimony, I believe that he was using poor judgment during the day of the incident. The witnesses all claimed that Maurice depended on Amanda for a living, but he did not appear to have any malicious intent towards the children as they all seemed to get along. Maurice would've preferred to have Amanda all to herself but would never go to the extent of killing off her children to do so. I think that the accident was due to poor judgment

and that Maurice was frightened and didn't care enough to save Amanda's children as he only saved himself.

4. I believe racial bias was present during Maurices and Amanda's trial. Both adults were responsible for the incident, and the court should punish them equally. It's unfair that Maurice is spending life in prison due to the loss of three children, whereas Amanda was only spending five years when she committed the same crime. The public does not have a good impression of Amanda but would instead punish a black man more harshly for the same crime. The criminal system implicitly associates aggression, violence, and crimes with black people, and that this implicit bias can affect our judgment and our conscious awareness (Hetey & Eberhardt, 2018). The criminal system has always had a negative implicit bias towards people of color, so it's not surprising that Amanda Hamm only served five years.

5. I believe that Amanda has the right to have additional children because it's her body and her decision to conceive another child. However, it's probably not the best choice due to her condition. It may be difficult to raise her children properly regarding her socioeconomic situation and criminal history. As the court anticipates potential danger towards her children, the family's situation can never improve as her children will always be separated from her, creating more pain and distress. It's unjust to dismiss Amanda for her reproductive rights; however, it's in the best interests to avoid causing any more suffering.

6. The hospital staff had the right to notify DCFS if they believed that Amanda Hamm was a danger to her children. Public health nurses identified their responsibility for providing child

safety and prevention education and informing the client that they are a mandatory report (Jack et al., 2021). Hospital employers should report any suspicious or potentially harmful behavior because they must advocate for their patients. The hospital staff had the children's best interests and contacted DCFS to be cautious and prevent any probable hazardous event. The father should have equal rights as they are also responsible for the well-being of their children. If DCFS deemed that they're unable to care for their children or that they are in danger, then it's in the child's best interest to be taken away.

7. I think that anticipatory neglect is appropriate regarding the circumstances behind Amanda's background. I believe that the court's ruled in favor of the Hamm-Ware children; however, it aims to target Amanda rather than focusing on protecting the children. It seems that Amanda is being punished for her past once again. Understandably, the courts are weary due to her history. However, the court should concentrate on Amanda's risk to her children. It's challenging to separate Amanda from her past; however, she has already gone to trial for them. The only way to prevent another incident is through the supervision of Amanda and her children.

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