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Introduction

The field of criminal law comprises the collection of laws that are responsible for establishing and categorising criminal offences, regulating the process of apprehending, accusing, and prosecuting persons who are suspected of committing crimes, and determining the appropriate punishments and rehabilitative measures for those who are found guilty of offences. Organised societies make use of the legal system, which includes criminal law, as a tool to safeguard the interests of individuals and to guarantee the continued existence of the organisation

Criminal Liability

These modifications have been made in order to accommodate the situations that are prevalent in the nation. In the majority of states in the United States, the common law of crimes has been rendered useless as a result of legislative action. In the event that such activities are carried out, it will be impossible to penalise any individual for any violation that is not specifically defined in the statute law of the state. In spite of this, the essential principles of common law continue to exercise their effect even in these republics (Denno, 2020). Because criminal legislation frequently functions as little more than a codification of the common law, and because the interpretation of these acts is dependent on references to the common law, this is the reason why. In other states, there are instances in which prosecutions are brought for common-law offences that are not expressly listed in statutes. There are specific laws that may be found in a restricted number of states, as well as the federal criminal code, that make up the penal codes, which are also commonly referred to as criminal codes. There is no attempt made to build a relationship between the various components and the overall system, nor is there any attempt made to define or apply a theory about the use of punitive measures for the purpose of control (Werle and Jessberger, 2020). Additionally, the many laws that make up the federal criminal code are compiled into a single document. It is possible to view both of these realities as contributing aspects that help to alleviate the difficulties that have arisen. Although they may not exonerate her from any culpability, they will undoubtedly impact the magnitude of her penalty if she is proven guilty. Carla's response to any criminal accusations would be influenced by the particular details of her case, such as the relevant national laws and the type of evidence involved. Carla's potential involvement in illicit activities may result in her being charged. The circumstances surrounding Carla give rise to the potentiality that she may be subjected to criminal proceedings. Carla may potentially be charged with complicity in an illicit endeavour. She is inexplicably concerned about this. If you want alternatives, this is really one of several options. There are plenty other options for you to contemplate. According to Sylvestre et al.'s 2020 study, Carla has a strong understanding of the significance of consulting with a lawyer to clarify her legal rights and the potential consequences of her decisions.

Case Law and Legislations

Carla might face legal liability for the events preceding and after the one under discussion if her actions, such as using a kitchen knife to kill Jamie, are taken into account. Carla is responsible for Jamie's murder, since she fatally stabbed him. The conclusion was a direct result of Carla's fatal stabbing of Jamie. Carla's actions resulted in the lethal stabbing of Jamie, as reported by Mitsilegas (2022). This predicament has occurred as a result of this. Thus, this is the resultant consequence that ensued as a direct result of Carla's acts, which encompassed the act of lethally stabbing Jamie with a knife. Various jurisdictions worldwide employ distinct definitions for such actions, which may categorise them as attempted murder, assault with a lethal weapon, or comparable criminal crimes (Sumardi et al., 2021). This varies from one country to another. It is important to make a deliberate effort to contemplate this matter. This activity may be classified in several ways depending on its distinct attributes due to its multitude of distinctive elements. On the other hand, certain individuals may perceive this type of conduct as unlawful. The outcome may vary depending on the specific specifics of the situation. While it is uncertain if the crime in issue may be categorised as comparable to others of its sort, it is quite likely that this is indeed the case. However, it is not completely unlikely that this may be the situation when taking into account all the considerations mentioned (Littlejohn, 2020). The court would consider the precise allegations based on the legal statutes of the jurisdiction where the incident took place. The court will consider these allegations. These allegations will be presented to the court for evaluation at the appropriate time. These allegations would be presented to the court. Following that, these laws would be applied to the specific claims that would be presented to the court for consideration. The laws that govern the jurisdiction would serve as the foundation upon which these laws would be formed in order to accomplish the aim of developing or constructing these laws. There is a high probability that Carla used a kitchen knife to assault Jamie, which would have resulted in the distribution of a weapon that has the potential to cause serious harm or perhaps death. The occurrence of this scenario is highly likely to take place. The explanation for this impact is because the knife was brought from the kitchen from where it had been stored. According to Duxbury (2021), the investigation of this idea is not completely out of the question in terms of the probability of it being investigated. There is a possibility that Jamie will be charged with assault, aggravated assault, or attempted murder, depending on the degree of her sustained injuries. A charge of attempted murder might be brought against her in the future. Any one of these crimes might potentially result in Jamie being charged with a crime (Robinson et al., 2020). Depending on

the facts and circumstances surrounding the occurrence, the outcome of the incident will be determined. It is possible that Carla would assert that she made the decision to act in self-defence, and she is able to substantiate this claim with evidence.

It is necessary for there to be a direct connection between the amount of force that is delivered and the degree of danger that is being addressed. It is highly significant that this be the case given the circumstances. In the event that Jamie did not pose an immediate danger to Carla's life or well-being at the time of the stabbing, it is highly probable that this argument would have been less successful owing to the circumstances (Hall, 2022). On the other hand, this is something that may take place. If an action is to be regarded legitimate, it is frequently necessary for the provocation to have happened unexpectedly and resulted in a loss of self-control on the part of the individual. In spite of the fact that the defence of provocation is recognised in some countries, it is still valid in such countries. The reality of the situation has not altered, despite the fact that some nations acknowledge the legitimacy of the provocative defence. In spite of the fact that Jamie's affair has caused him a great amount of emotional distress, it is highly improbable that his provocation defence would be successful (Monaghan, 2022). The result of this is that there is a sense that the disclosure does not provide sufficient information.

As a consequence of the fact that revealing the affair causes the individual to experience a significant amount of emotional anguish, this scenario emerges (Allen et al., 2020). Despite the fact that Carla's mental health is presently of the utmost importance for her future defence, it is essential to keep in mind that the use of excessive force cannot necessarily be permitted. This is a problem that requires thorough investigation and consideration. On the other hand, this holds true even when the circumstance is now significant. The existence of a legitimate conviction in the necessity of self-defence is generally seen as an essential component in the legal systems that are in place. In the process of evaluating the factors, this is one of them. This is a component that is frequently taken into consideration (Kaplan et al., 2021). Because Jamie admitted that Carla had been unfaithful, it is quite doubtful that Carla will be persuaded that her extreme reaction was warranted by Jamie's admission. The fact that Jamie was not admitted is the primary reason why it is quite improbable that it will be sufficient.

Conclusion

The application of force must be both reasonable and proportionate to the degree of risk that was present at the time of the occurrence in order to be in compliance with the law. This is as a result of the legal requirement that the use of force must be motivated by reasonable considerations. It is possible that throughout the sentencing process, two potential mitigating factors may be taken into consideration. These situations include Carla's emotional state and Jamie's adultery. These two factors are examples of potential mitigating characteristics that might be taken into account. These two pieces of information are excellent examples of potential mitigating factors that should be taken into consideration.

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