

Criminal Codes

We talk of legislatures passing laws and treaties, of courts interpreting case law and making precedence and of constitutions providing legal right to its citizens. However they're impact is obvious. In most societies there exist several levels of criminal behaviors and penalties.

High Crimes (Imperial Level)

The Imperium accepts the premise that each world establishes its own system of laws and criminal courts, but reserves unto itself the right to adjudicate and punish certain crimes. It defines and enforces only those offenses that occur on worlds that are under the protection of the Imperium or crimes committed in the interstellar void between planets. The Imperium is concerned with criminal acts that directly impact on human rights, interstellar peace and the maintenance of interstellar trade.

High crimes are based upon criminal codes created by the Imperial Moot and approved by the Emperor or by Imperial Decrees directly from the Emperor. They're handled by formal arrest and Imperial tribunal procedures. Its scope can include the most serious criminal violations perpetrated against the Emperor or the Imperium. There are three punishments to a high crime: Exile (allowed only to members of the royal family or nobility), Life in Prison, and the Death Penalty (for assassination of a member of the royal family or nobility, genocide, treason against the crown, mutiny while at war or rebellion against the crown). If convicted of any high crime the property of the convict will be confiscated by the Imperial courts. If a trial is requested it will be presided over by a panel of three to five Imperial tribunes. Tribunes are always members of the nobility and appointed by the Emperor or Sector Duke. The trial will be inquisitional in nature with the tribunes asking all the questions and ruling on all evidence presented. There are no allowances for jury trial and the accused has few legal rights. Guilt is based upon the perspective of each tribune. Conviction of a high crime also terminates ones Imperial citizenship. Should a person convicted of an Imperial crime ever be released they will find that society has no use for their kind. Below is a list of Imperial crimes:

Crimes Against the Emperor

Assassination of a member of the royal family or nobility / Threatening the Life of the Emperor or of a member of the Royal Family / Slandering the Name of the Emperor or of a member of the Royal Family / Conspiracy Against the Crown

Crimes Against the Empire (State)

Treason / Genocide / Espionage / Sabotage / Rebellion / Sedition / Counterfeiting of Imperial Documents, Passports or Currency / Trafficking in Weapons of Mass Destruction / Impersonation of an Imperial Official or Person of Nobility / Theft of Imperial Property / Breaking a Imperial Blockade / Illegal Entry to an Imperial Restricted or Interdicted Planet / Evading Conscription (Draft Dodging) / Desecration of the Imperial Flag or Emblem / Tax Evasion / Slavery / War Atrocities / Ecocide / Trafficking in Human Organs (Organlegging) / Body Jacking / Practicing Psionics / Official Oppression

Crimes Against Trade (Commerce)

Piracy / Smuggling / Trading in Controlled or Restricted Technology (Techrunning) / Ship Skipping (taking a starship while it still maintains a debt) / Breaking an Imperial Embargo / Resource Plundering of an Imperial Reserved World

Felony Crimes

(State, National, Planetary or Colonial)

Felonies are based upon criminal codes or statues created by state or national legislatures or international governing body such as a United Nations organization or world government. They're handled by formal arrest and criminal court procedures. Its scope can includes the most serious criminal violations such as murder, arson, rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, manslaughter, embezzlement, grand fraud, larceny, racketeering, trafficking in contraband, smuggling, piracy, etc. The maximum punishments are fines up to 100,000 ICrs and confinement at the state prison, federal penitentiaries, planetary penal colony for 1 year to life, and occasionally, the death penalty. If a trial is requested it will be presided over by either a judge alone or by a judge along with a jury of up to twelve members. Judges are either appointed by the executive or legislative branches of government or elected by the citizenry. The trial will be adversarial in nature with the lawyers asking all the questions and the judge ruling on all testimony and evidence presented. The verdict is based upon a moral certainty or beyond a reasonable doubt. Felonies convictions are always registered on the police blotter and in an individual's criminal record or file. Keep in mind that not all societies will proscribe to the same crimes and the more primitive the culture the fewer codified behaviors. Below is a list of felony crimes:

Treason / Espionage / Terrorism / Mass Disruption
Assassination / Murder (Homicide) / Genocide / Summary Execution / Deadly Conduct
Voluntary Manslaughter / Involuntary Manslaughter
Sedition / Insurrection / Rebellion
Reckless Endangerment or Depraved Indifference to Human Life (Special Circumstance Murder)
Possession of a Weapon of Mass Destruction with Intent to Use or Sell
(including Nuclear, Biological or Chemical Weapons)
Possession of Dangerous Contraband with Intent to Sell
(including Explosives, Toxins, Chemicals or Military Ordnance)
Torture / Malicious Cruelty / Mayhem / Malicious Injury / Disfigurement / Mutilation
Sexual Assault / Rape / Statutory Rape / Molestation / Sodomy / Carnal Knowledge /
Spousal Rape
Kidnapping / Abduction / Hostage Taking / Slavery / False Imprisonment /
Impressment (Shanghaing) / Baby Snatching / Involuntary Servitude (Laborteering)
Aggravated Trespassing / Home Invasion
Stalking / Public Menacing / Communicating a Threat of Violence / Criminal Intrusion
Blackmail / Extortion
Unjust Prosecution / Abuse of Official Authority
Commercial or Economic Espionage (Theft of Trade Secrets / Theft of Intellectual Property)
Evasion of Military Conscription (Draft Dodging)
Sabotage / Malicious Destruction of Property
Inciting a Riot (that resulted in death or serious bodily injury) /
Provoking or Encouraging Violent Behavior
Aggravated Assault / Armed Assault
Aggravated Battery / Armed Battery
Aggravated Burglary / Armed House Breaking
Aggravated Robbery / Armed Robbery
Arson (Use of Fire to Destroy a Structure or Vehicle) / Aggravated Arson
(Use of an Explosive Device to Destroy a Structure or Vehicle)
Manufacture, Possession or Sale of a Dangerous Device (Improvised Explosive Device /
Booby Trap / Hoax Device)

Felony Escape / Jail Breaking / Aiding & Abetting an Escapee / Harboring a
Known Fugitive / Flight to Avoid Prosecution / Evading Arrest
Piracy of a Vehicle, Aircraft, Watercraft or Starship / Hijacking / CarJacking
Grand Larceny (Theft over 1 Million ICr) / Skipping (Grand Theft of a Vehicle, Watercraft,
Aircraft or Starship)
Grand Theft (of a Vehicle, Watercraft, Aircraft or Spacecraft)
Embezzlement
Criminal Conspiracy / Criminal Facilitation / Acting in Criminal Concert / Criminal Collusion
Public Corruption (Accepting a Bribe) / Bribery of a Public Official (Offering a Bribe)
Racketeering / Running a Criminal Enterprise / Laborsteering
Loan Sharking / Money Laundering
Suppression of Information / Official Oppression
Illegal Transfer of Technology (Techrunning)
Trafficking / Manufacture & Distribution of Illegal Contraband (including Illicit Drugs,
Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals, Firearms, Child Pornography, Counterfeit Trademark
Products, Destructive Computer Programs or Dangerous Commercial Products)
Child Abuse or Neglect / Indecency with a Child / Child Molestation / Enticement or Seduction
of a Child / Incest / Sexual Exploitation of Children / Purchase or Sell of a Child or Infant
(refer to Megan's Law and Amber Alerts)
Grand Fraud (Confidence Games / Mail & Wire Fraud / Bank & Securities Fraud (Insider
Trading) / Health & Welfare Fraud / Bankruptcy & Estate Fraud)
Forgery / Counterfeiting
Spoofing / ATM & Credit Card Theft
Adulteration / Tampering with a Drug or Food Product
Falsifying or Destroying Evidence (Doctoring or Shredding)
Perjury / Subornation of Perjury / Obstruction of Justice / Felony Obstruction
Witness Intimidation / Jury Tampering
Pollution (Illegal Dumping of Hazardous Materials or Toxic Waste)
Ecocide / Destruction of Environmental Habitat
Industrial Espionage / Patent or Copyright Theft / Infringement of Intellectual Property
Cloning of Human Bodies for Organ Harvesting / Bodyjacking
Assisting a Suicide / Encouraging or Enabling the Death of Another
Unlawful Possession of Contraband (Military Weapons, Body Armor, Burglary
Tools, Drug Paraphernalia, Gambling Devices, etc.)
Identity Theft / False Impersonation for the Purpose of Fraud / Larceny by Fraud
Association with, Membership in, Recruitment for or Providing Financial Assistance to a
Terrorist or Criminal Organization
Harassment / Discrimination / Violation of Civil Rights
Computer Sabotage / Intrusion (Criminal Hacking) / Computer Tampering /
Computer Espionage / CyberTerrorism
Cyber Stalking / Surveillance
On-Line Child Pornography
Tax Evasion / Filing a False Tax Claim
MisPerjury / Concealment of a Felony Crime
Owning a Dangerous Animal / Failure to Secure a Dangerous Animal or Item
Aiding & Abetting a Felony Crime
Psionic Crimes (Mind Rape / Psionic Theft of Personality or Knowledge)

Misdemeanor Crimes

(State, National, Planetary or Colonial)

Misdemeanors are based upon criminal codes or statutes created by state or national legislatures or international governing body such as a United Nations organization or world government. They're administered by formal arrest and criminal court procedures. Its scope can include less serious criminal violations such as petty theft, simple possession of contraband, verbal or simple assault, vagrancy, driving while intoxicated, vandalism, illegal wagering, etc. The maximum punishments are a fine up to 1,000 ICrs and confinement at the county jail for up to one year. If a trial is requested it will be presided over by either a judge alone or by a judge along with a jury of up to six members. Judges are either appointed by the executive or legislative branches of government or elected by the citizenry. The trial will be adversarial in nature with the lawyers asking all the questions and the judge ruling on all testimony and evidence presented. The verdict is based upon a moral certainty or beyond a reasonable doubt. Misdemeanors convictions are always registered on the police blotter and in an individual's criminal record or file. Keep in mind that not all societies will proscribe to the same crimes and the more primitive the culture the fewer codified behaviors. Below is a list of misdemeanor crimes:

Criminal Solicitation

Resisting Arrest / Disorderly Conduct / Voluntary Intoxication / Public Disturbance

Making a False Official Statement

Unlawful Assembly

Malicious Mischief / Desecration of a Shrine (Tomb Raiding) / Vandalism (Graffiti Tagging)

Petty Fraud (Street Hustling / Confidence Games)

Petty Theft (Shoplifting / Pick Pocketing / Pilfering)

Physical Assault (No Injury / No Weapon) (Mugging)

Verbal Assault (Communicating a Threat)

Robbery (No Injury / No Weapon) (Purse Snatching)

Battery (Brawling / Spousal Abuse)

Arson (Fire Starting without Injury) / House Burning

Burglary / House Breaking (No Injury / No Weapon) (Breaking & Entering)

Impersonation of a Public Official (Police Officer, Judge, Prosecutor or Government Official)

Trespassing / Unauthorized Entry (Peeping Tom / Prowling)

Vagrancy / Panhandling / Loitering / Squatting

Running an Illegal Gambling Establishment, Betting Parlor or House of Chance /

Promoting Gambling / Bookmaking / Criminal Wagering

Running an Illegal Brothel or House of Prostitution / Promoting Prostitution

Public Indecency / Obscenity / Indecent Exposure / Lewd & Lascivious Behavior /

Public Lewdness

Hitchhiking / Thief of Passage

Complicity in a Crime

Prostitution / Solicitation / Pandering / Pimping

Adultery / Bigamy / Polygamy / Moral Infidelity / Criminal Cohabitation

Possession of Illegal Contraband (with Intent to Sell or Use) including:

Pharmaceuticals / Illicit Drugs / Untaxed Alcohol Products / Restricted

Chemicals / Exotic Animals / Counterfeit Trademark Products / Burglary Tools /

Counterfeiting Equipment / Stolen Blank Credit Cards / Firearms / Computer Programs /

Forged or Counterfeit Documents or Currency

Receiving or Selling Stolen Property / Fencing / Black Marketeering / Misappropriation

Failure to Report a Crime / Failure to Render Aid & Assistance in an Accident

Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm / Carrying a Concealed Weapon without a License /
Illegal Discharge of a Firearm / Public Display of a Weapon
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor Child / Harboring a Runaway Child
Wiretapping / Eavesdropping / Illegal Recording of Voice or Image
Involuntary or Forced Servitude
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) / Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
Joyriding (Temporary Illegal Use of Another's Vehicle)
Juvenile Delinquency / Truancy
Grave Robbery / Theft of a Corpse (Body Snatching)
Breaking Medical Quarantine / Intentionally Transmitting a Communicable Disease
Practicing Medicine without a License
Practicing Law without a License
Criminal Seducement or Entrapment
Criminal Access / Computer Trespassing or Intrusion (Hacking / Cracking / Phreaking) /
Distribution of Destructive Computer Programs / Cyber Stalking / Criminal Intrusion
Wagering / Gambling / Prize Fighting
Gambling Fraud (Cheating Using Marked Cards, Loaded Dice or Rigged Gambling Machines) /
Fixing a Race, Game, Contest or Sporting Event / Ticket Scalping
Soliciting, Receiving or Performing an Abortion
Public Rioting / Looting
Profiteering / Price Fixing / Anti-Competitive Business Practices / Price Groughing
Driving (or Piloting) Without a License
Reckless Driving, Improper Hazarding or Navigation (of a Vehicle, Watercraft, Aircraft or
Spacecraft)
Interference with an Official Investigation / Hampering Prosecution /
Evidence or Witness Tampering
Interference with a Public Official in Performance of their Duties
Interference with Custodial or Parental Authority
Brokering of Illegal or Classified Information or Technology
Bootlegging (Manufacture, Distribution, Sale & Possession of Untaxed Products)
Criminal Malpractice (Professional Misconduct, Negligence or Gross Incompetence)
Criminal Malfeasance (Public Misconduct, Negligence or Gross Incompetence)
Rustling (Thief of Animal Stock) / Poaching (Illegal Hunting & Fishing)
Illegal Mining or Drilling (Theft of Mineral Resources) (Plundering)
Illegal Harvesting (Theft of Forest or Agricultural Products)
Illegal Cloning or Organ Harvesting (Organlegging)
Obstruction of Trade (Labor Strike / Product Boycott)
Obstructing Traffic / Unlawful Assembly
Rendering an NSF Instrument ("Hot Check")
Animal Cruelty / Organizing Animal Fighting
Killing or Injuring a Protected Species
Homosexuality / Sexual Misconduct / Public Indecency
Contempt of Court / Failure to Appear
Creating a Public Nuisance / Disturbing the Peace
Failure to Produce Proper Identification to a Police Officer
Coercion / Intimidation of a Witness or Juror
Unlawfully Leaving the Scene of an Accident (Hit & Run)
Mail Tampering
Dueling / Hazing
Child Endangerment / Child Abandonment
War Driving

Debt Crimes

Dishonorable Failure to Pay a Legal Obligation
Debt Evasion
Non-Payment of Debt
Commercial Criminal Liability (Company or Corporation)

Municipal Citations or Infractions (Town / City)

“Citations” or “infractions” of ordinances or municipal codes are created by the city counsel of a small town, medium city or major metroplex. These violations are considered relatively minor in nature and are administered by either a verbal warning or the issuance of a ticket. Its scope can include traffic violations, disturbing the peace, illegal dumping or burning, protesting without a permit, health code violations, illegal solicitation, drunk and disorderly, resisting arrest, contempt of court, etc. The maximum punishment is a fine of no more than 100 ICrs; Jail time is rarely involved. If a trial is requested it will be presided over by a magistrate or justice of the peace. Because of the time and cost involved a jury trial would be denied. In most cases lawyers do not attend court proceedings; the individual appears alone before the court and pleads their case. The verdict is based upon a preponderance of the testimony and evidence presented. These are not crimes and they are never placed on an individual’s record.

Drilling or Excavating without a Permit
Excessive Use of Water During a Declared Drought
Owning an Un-Licensed Animal / Keeping a Vicious or Dangerous Animal
Maintaining a Blighted Property / Creating a Fire or Safety Hazard
Zoning Violations (Keeping Livestock within City Limits, Operating a Sexually Oriented
Business within a 1000 feet of a residential area or school)
Business Violations (Operating a Business without a License, Illegal Solicitation,
False Advertising)
Operating a Business without a License / Public Overcrowding
Health Violations (Improper Disposal of Garbage or Sewage, Operating Unsafe
Machinery, Serving Food without a Health Certificate)
Improper Storage of Chemicals or Dangerous Products
Violation of Public Fire, Health or Safety Codes / Smoking in a Public Place
Illegal Outdoor Burning of Trash / Littering / Illegal Dumping
Creating a Road Hazard / Keeping a Vicious or Dangerous Animal
Traffic Violations (speeding / running a red light / tailgating / passing in a no passing
zone / failure to render signal / illegal parking)
Breach of a Curfew (applies to minors only)
Civil Disobedience (Sit-In / Protest / March / Rally)
Rendering an Obscene Gesture / Uttering Obscene Speech

Crimes Unique to Law Enforcement or Prosecution

Malicious Arrest or Prosecution
Excess Use of Force (Police Brutality)
Entrapment / Illegal Wiretapping or Eavesdropping without an Authorized Court Order
Police Harassment / Abuse of Authority
Misappropriation of Police Property
Unauthorized Release of Privileged Information
Judicial Misconduct (by Lawyers or Judges)
Official Oppression (Denial of Civil Rights)
Official Suppression (Denial of Information) (Violation of Sunshine Laws)
Failure to Report Custodial Death or Injury
Dereliction of Duty (Failure to Enforce the Law)
Evidence or Jury Tampering / Giving False Testimony / Obstruction of Justice

Civil Law (Tort or Contract)

A civil lawsuit requires an appearance at a civil proceeding (i.e., probate, small claims, family or superior court). Verdicts are based upon a preponderance of evidence. Only monetary damages can be awarded, no imprisonment, but the judge can recommend that criminal charges be filed against plaintiffs or defendants if evidence or testimony surfaces that a crime has occurred. Also, if the case has numerous claimants it can be filed as a class action lawsuit. Examples of civil suits may include:

Wrongful Death (due to Murder, Manslaughter, Gross Negligence or Reckless Endangerment)
Personal Injury or Damages (Just about anything where emotional or physical injury occurs)
Civil Disobedience (Public Protests, Street Marches or Sit-Ins)
Violation of Civil Rights (Harassment or Discrimination)
Defamation of Character (Libel or Slander) / Invasion of Privacy (Media Harassment)
Employment Disputes / Labor Contracts / Strikes or Boycotts
Business Ownership Disputes
Divorce / Alimony / Child Custody / Child Support
Landlord & Tenant Disputes (Evictions / Health & Safety Issues / Contract Disagreements)
Malpractice or Malfeasance Disputes
Bankruptcy / Debt Litigation / Repossessions / Garnishments / Foreclosures)
Probates / Wills & Trusts / Inheritance Disputes
Intellectual Property / Patent & Copyright Infringement / Product Piracy
Consumer Rights / Product Liability / False Advertising / Warranty Disputes
Adoptions / Name Changes / Paternity Disputes
Sexual or Racial Harassment / Discrimination

Ecclesiastical (Religious) Crimes

Religious institutions deal primarily with sin, although throughout history many of these sins were also considered crimes against society. Because church membership is voluntary people may hold on to many different religious beliefs. Many of the following have, in the past, been treated as criminal law with serious punishments being handed down by ecclesiastical courts. Look to the Spanish Inquisitions of the Holy Roman Church as an example. In a modern world many of the sins below would be considered a violation of criminal law in and of themselves, or at the very least, be solid grounds for a civil lawsuit. Other concepts of the church can also add to game play such as sanctuary, excommunication (shutting) or the practice of cult rituals.

Devil or Demon Worship / Practicing Witchcraft or Black Magic (Warlocks/Witches/Sages/Mages)
Divination (Claiming to See the Future)
Conducting a Séance (Hearing or Speaking with the Dead)
Conjuring (Creating Evil Spirits or Commanding the Dead)
Blasphemy (Disrespectful Speech towards God or the Church)
Profanity (Uttering Sinful Words)
Heresy (Questioning or Rejecting the Foundation of the Holy Scriptures or the Church)
Idolatry (Worshipping False Gods or Images)
Disobedience to the Authority of the Church
Possession (Spirit, Devil or Demon) (Treatment would be Exorcism)
Tolerance of Impure, Unholy or Wicked Ideals, Teachings or Practices
Practicing of Psionics (Magic or Witchcraft)
Adultery / Bigamy / Polygamy / Cohabitation / Fornication (Sexual Sins) /
 Living in Concubinage
Desecration (of a holy place such as a Church or Cemetery)
Unholy Sexual Acts (Masturbation / Sodomy / Incest / Bestiality / Necrophilia / Homosexuality)
Malediction (Uttering a Curse)
Displaying or Creating the Mark or Symbol of the Devil or Satan (i.e., 666)
Alchemy (Changing one chemical into another, i.e., lead to gold)
Harming the Morals of Society

Definitions of Specific Crimes

Special Circumstance Murder is defined as intentionally causing the death of another where one or more of the elements involve: the victim was tortured, terrorized or killed in an extremely cruel, heinous or sadistic manner; or the killing of a child or a pregnant woman; or a murder for hire (for profit); or the killing of multiple victims (either mass or serial murder); or murder of a witness, juror, judge, prosecutor or other court officer; or murder for personal enjoyment (spree or thrill killing); or murder occurring during the commission of another crime (felony murder); or murder while escaping from custody; or the murder of a law enforcement officer, firefighter or prison employee while in performance of their duties (assassination); or the killing or extermination of a racial, ethnic or religious group or population (genocide), or the murder of another prisoner while serving prison time; or the murder of another person because of their race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation (hate crime); or political terrorism resulting in death; or arson (including the use of an explosive) resulting in death; or a second or third murder (a second conviction for first degree murder or third conviction for either second or third degree murder).

Murder in the First Degree (with malice aforethought) is where premeditation existed. Murder has occurred if the accused knowingly or purposely intended to kill another and showed depraved indifference towards human life.

Murder in the Second Degree (without malice aforethought) is where premeditation did not exist but reckless endangerment did. Generally reserved for those with lesser culpability in the crime. This is sometimes referred to as Criminally Negligent Homicide.

Voluntary Manslaughter (sometimes referred to as Murder in the Third Degree) is the unintended death of another as the result of provocation, uncontrolled passion or recklessness, generally involving the use of a vehicle or weapon. Attack, provocation or experiencing extreme emotions (hate or anger) can sometimes be used as a defense.

Involuntary Manslaughter (sometimes referred to as Murder in the Fourth Degree) is the unintended death of another as the result of negligence or carelessness generally involving the use of a vehicle or weapon. Being mentally impaired or intoxication may sometimes be used as a defense.

Accidental Homicide is the death of another as the results of circumstances beyond any ones 'control such as an act of god or of nature or as a result of an unforeseeable accident.

Justified Homicide is causing the death of another while defending ones own life or the life of another person. Several conditions must exist in order for lethal force to be justified: (1) the victim must be in immediate fear for their life or of serious bodily injury, (2) there was no other way to prevent the crime except use lethal force, and (3) there was no avenue of retreat available. The law may also authorize the use of deathly force to prevent the escape of a known wanted felon or to prevent the commission a life threatening felony such as arson or kidnapping. The protection of property does not in itself justify the use of lethal force.

Assisted Suicide (Mercy Killing) may be a legally accepted practice in some cultures.

Abortion is the killing of a fetus and may be legal in some societies.

Honor Killing is the intentional killing of another family or tribal member to uphold the honor of the family or tribe. It is an accepted practice in some primitive cultures.

Infanticide is the intentional killing of an infant child. In current day China a family may have only one child. Families prefer to have sons so that the family name can go on and a son has a primary responsibility to take care of the parents when they grow old. Infant daughters are sometimes killed so the family may attempt to have a boy child. This practice is rarely prosecuted by authorities. In some primitive cultures infants that are sickly or deformed are killed or left to die in order to insure the overall health of the society.

War Crimes are crimes committed by one national group against another national group. They may include genocide, summary executions, and torture or extreme cruelty, abuse of prisoners of war or detainees, mass rape, giving illegal orders or using weapons of mass destruction.

Assault is purposely, knowingly or recklessly causing offensive touching or bodily injury to another. It requires creating fear of imminent bodily harm in the mind of the victim.

Sexual Assault or **Rape** is the carnal knowledge of another person without their consent.

Statutory Rape is sex between an adult and a minor child. The crime exists whether the minor child consented to the sex since the legal age of consent had not been reached. The age will be different in different cultures.

Kidnapping is the forceful taking of a person to another location without their consent. It does not have to involve a ransom.

Larceny or **Theft** is the stealing of the property of another with intent to keep it.

Accessory Before or After the Fact denotes a person had knowledge of or participated in the crime either before or after its commission. In some jurisdictions this can also be referred to as “acting in concert”, “conspiracy” or “aiding and abetting”.

Attempted denotes the crime was prevented in some way from occurring but planning and intent were present and had the prevention not occurred the crime would have been committed.

Grand denotes the crime involved property in an amount of 100,000 Imperial credits or greater.

Petty denotes the crime involved property in an amount below 100,000 Imperial credits.

Aggravated denotes the presence of a weapon or that an injury occurred during the commission of the crime. This elevates the criminal act to a higher level or degree of culpability.

Simple denotes no weapon was used and no physical injury occurred.

Mitigating denotes that there were extenuating circumstances (such as the accused family member was being held hostage) that lower the level or degree of culpability.

Malicious denotes a vicious, vindictive or mean-spirited act. Generally is includes a crime with the motive of revenge or hatred.

Categories of Crime and their Punishment

This is an example of categories of criminal law along with their punishments. It will vary greatly between cultures. Some societies may allow judges or juries to determine sentencing while others have mandated punishments.

Class AA Capital Felony (Death Penalty Applicable)

Crimes: Special Circumstance Murder, Treason, Espionage, Rebellion and Terrorism

Statues of Limitation: None

Punishment: Death Penalty

Class A Felony

Crimes: Murder, Kidnapping, Sedition, Trafficking in Weapons of Mass Destruction, Slavery, Rape, Extortion, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Burglary, Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Theft, Aggravated Arson, Hijacking, Grand Theft, Grand Larceny, Conspiracy, Racketeering, Money Laundering, Smuggling, Trafficking, Child Endangerment, Incest, Molestation of a Child, Grand Fraud, Grand Forgery, Counterfeiting, Piracy, Felony Escape, Flight to Avoid Prosecution and Draft Evasion.

Statues of Limitation: None

Punishment: 20 years to life in a state or national prison and the seizure and forfeiture of all properties and monies gained as a result of the criminal act.

Class B Felony

Crimes: Manslaughter, Sexual Cruelty, Malicious Injury, Home Invasion, Blackmail, Stalking, Aggravated Criminal Trespass, Sexual Assault, Embezzlement, Criminal Enterprise, Indecency with a Child, Perjury, Subornation of Perjury, Witness or Jury Tampering and Obstruction of Justice.

Statues of Limitation: Twenty Years

Punishment: 5 to 20 years in state or national prison and fines up to 10,000,000 ICr

Class C Felony

Crimes: Reckless Endangerment, Malicious Destruction, Aiding & Abetting the Commission of a Crime, Harboring a Fugitive, Transfer of Illegal Technology (Techrunning), Fraud, Possession of Contraband, Menacing Behavior, Criminal Facilitation, Public Corruption, Bribery of a Public Official, Loan Sharking, Product Tampering, Falsifying or Destroying Evidence, Malicious Arrest or Prosecution, Aggravated Pollution and Copyright Piracy.

Statues of Limitation: Ten Years

Punishment: 1 to 5 years in state or national prison and fines up to 1,000,000 Icr

Class A Misdemeanor

Crimes: Simple Assault, Simple Battery, Simple Robbery, Simple Burglary, Impersonation of a Public Official, Identity Theft, Criminal Intrusion, Bookmaking, Obscenity, Prostitution, Simple Possession, Receiving Stolen Property, Sexual or Racial Harassment, Unlicensed Carry of a Firearm, Forced Involuntary Servitude, Practicing Medicine without a License, Practicing Law without a License, Looting or Rioting, Driving While Intoxicated, Black Marketeering, Interference with an Investigation, Bootlegging Alcohol, Criminal Malpractice, Criminal Malffeasance, Rustling, Illegal Mining, Animal Cruelty, Sexual Misconduct, Contempt of Court, Resisting or Evading Arrest and Making a False Official Statement.

Statues of Limitation: Five Years

Punishment: 6 months to 1 year in county jail and/or fines up to 100,000 ICr

Class B Misdemeanor

Crimes: Lewd & Lascivious Behavior, Simple Bribery, Purse Snatching, Shoplifting, Pick Pocketing, Trespassing, Corruption, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief and Fraud.

Statues of Limitation: Three Years

Punishment: 1 to 6 months in county jail and/or fines up to 10,000 ICr

Class C Misdemeanor

Crimes: Disorderly Conduct, Unlawful Assembly, Public Intoxication (Drunkenness), Vagrancy, Panhandling, Gambling, Public Indecency, Solicitation, Pandering, Failure to Report a Crime, Failure to Render Aid & Assistance, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor Child, Joyriding, Juvenile Delinquency, Truancy, Criminal Access to a Computer Network, Fixing a Contest or Game, Ticket Scalping, Driving without a License, Invasion of Privacy, Profiteering, Price Fixing, Reckless Driving, Racial or Sexual Discrimination, Writing an NSF Instrument, Animal cruelty, Failure to Comply, Public Nudity, Civil Disobedience and Failure to Appear.

Statues of Limitation: One Year

Punishment: 1 to 30 days in county jail and/or fines up to 1,000 ICr

Second and third offenses of the same crime may result in elevating the crime from third degree to second degree, and so on. In fact, a second offense of a class A misdemeanor will generally result in the violator being tried as a class C felony or worst.

Third strike laws may also exist. Upon a third conviction of any felony crime the results may be that the criminal is branded a career criminal and given a life sentence without the possibility of parole.