



UNDERSTANDING THE DEGREES OF MURDERY

1ST DEGREE MURDER

It involves planning and forethought, indicating that the perpetrator considered the method, timing, and opportunity to commit the crime.

The perpetrator's actions are aimed at ensuring the death of the victim, reflecting a willful disregard for human life.

Consequences include Death Penalty or Life Imprisonment

2ND DEGREE MURDER

It is defined by the sudden and impulsive decision to commit murder without prior planning.

The perpetrator may not have set out with the intention to kill, but in a particular situation, they decide to commit the act.

This could be triggered by a sudden altercation, a fit of rage, or an intense emotional response.

Consequences include Long-Term Imprisonment.

3rd Degree Murder

3rd Degree Murder is a legal term used to describe a killing that is unintentional and typically occurs during the commission of a non-felony crime or due to reckless behavior.

The perpetrator's actions show a reckless indifference to the consequences, which could result in death.

