SHOULD IT BE A CRIME?

You are a member of a committee to recommend changes in the law. Read each situation.

Decide: **FIRST**, whether or not each item *should* be a crime, and **THEN**, rank those that your group feels should be a crime in order of their seriousness (i.e., 1 for the most serious, then 2, and so on).

Remember, this is not about what *is*  a crime, but what you and your fellow committee members feel *should* be a crime.

A. Robert pushes crack cocaine and uses the proceeds to support his mother, who is on social welfare. Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

B. Lilly approaches a man for purposes of prostitution. Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

C. Lucy picks a person’s pocket and takes a wallet containing €50.

Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

D. The president of a company knows it pollutes a river with waste from its factory.

Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

E. Susan is caught with a pound of marijuana. Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

F. Ted robs an off licence at gunpoint. Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

G. Ellen leaves a shop with change for a €10 note after she

realises that she gave the cashier a €5 bill. Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

H. Katherine is a passenger in a car she knows is stolen, but

she did not participate in the theft of the car.

Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

I. Melissa refuses to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle.

Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

J. Donald is a used car dealer who turns back the odometer

on the cars he sells.

Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

K. Marge gets drunk and hits a child while speeding through

a school zone.

Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

L. Burt observes his best friend shoplifting but does not turn him in.

Crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_