

Unit 1 Handout 2

- I. Check the summaries of some of the most famous crimes of the 20th century. Identify the ideas in the Passive Form. What tense are they using?

The OJ Simpson Case

In 1994, Simpson was arrested and charged with the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. He was absolved after a lengthy and internationally publicized trial.

The JonBenet Ramsey Murder

JonBenét Ramsey was an American child beauty queen who was killed at the age of six in her family's home. Her murder is still not solved and is considered one of the decade's most famous police investigations.

The JFK assassination

John Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, is assassinated while traveling through Dallas, Texas, in an open-top convertible. He was buried with full military honors.

The Columbine Massacre

The Columbine massacre occurred at Columbine High School leaving 15 dead, including the two students responsible for the attack. The shootings were carried out by Eric Harris, age 18, and Dylan Klebold, age 17.

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II. Read the following crimes. Fill the gaps below with the right active and passive tenses.

1. Barbara May: Aged 47.

She stole a 4-month-old baby from a pushchair parked outside a shop. Despite appeals from the baby's parents on national TV, the baby _____ only _____ (return) when Barbara's husband came back from working on an oil rig in the North Sea a month later. The baby _____ well _____ (look after). Barbara _____ (try) to have a baby for 10 years.

2. June Mayfield: Aged 29.

She stabbed her husband to death. Her husband _____ (persistently beat) her for many years. Police _____ (call in) several times by neighbors worried about her, but she refused to press charges. She says she only _____ (pick up) the knife in self-defense. She has no previous convictions.

3. Frank Gordon. Aged 31.

He _____ (arrest) for drunk driving. He _____ (find) after he _____ (drive) his car off the road, but no-one was hurt. He _____ nearly _____ (hit) another car 10 minutes before the accident. His team _____ (win) the Champion's League and he _____ (celebrate) in a pub with friends, but he is also a regular heavy drinker. He is a travelling salesman and so needs to drive for his job and has a wife and two children to support.

4. Matthew Barnyard. Aged 21.

He was arrested and convicted for possession of heroin. After the conviction new evidence _____ (discover) that supports his claim that he bought the drugs only to ease the pain of his dying mother. He is therefore appealing his sentence. In the initial case, a previous conviction for possession of cannabis _____ (use) in evidence against him.

5. Roger Delfry: Aged 29.

He was arrested for blackmail. He found out that his boss _____ recently _____ (have) an affair and threatened to tell his boss's wife. He used the money his boss gave him to buy a luxury flat and a fast car for him and his young wife. He is not at all apologetic and says that his boss is the real criminal for cheating on his wife.

6. Fred Daybrey: Aged 42.

Editor of a newspaper. After his paper printed a story about Danny 'Funny Man' Grim, which later _____ (turn out) to be untrue, Danny's TV show _____ (cancel) and he lost his home in Barcelona.