**5.1 Felonies v. Misdemeanors**

1. **Felony:** a serious criminal act
   1. Punishable by death or prison sentence of over one year
      1. Known as a “felon”
      2. Types:
         1. **Homicide**: murder
            1. **First degree**: the premeditated (aforethought), willful, and deliberate killing of another
            2. **Second degree:** significant malice is needed
            3. **Negligent Homicide:** “murderer” is negligent
         2. **Sexual Assault:** assault of the sexual nature without consent
         3. **Rape:** sexual assault involving sexual intercourse, which is initiated without ones consent
            1. Known as “rapist”
         4. **Aggravated Assault or Battery:** Assault or battery with a deadly weapon
         5. **Arson**: crime of intentionally setting fire to structures
         6. **Robbery:** stealing with a weapon
         7. **Burglary:** breaking into a location with an intent to steal
         8. Manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession with intent to sell certain types of drugs
            1. Cocaine
            2. Heroine
            3. Crack
            4. Etc.
         9. **Grand Larceny** (theft): stealing without a weapon
         10. Vandalism of Federal Property
             1. Ex. Graffiti on the Washington Monument
         11. Treason: acts against one’s own nation
             1. Called a “traitor”
             2. **Defection**: abandoning allegiance from one country to another
         12. Kidnapping: taking away a person against their will
             1. Civil offense: false imprisonment
         13. Perjury (forswearing): written or spoken lies in court
2. **Misdemeanor:** lesser criminal act
   1. Punishable by prison (or jail) sentence of less than one year or a fine.
      1. Known as a “misdemeanant”
      2. Types:
         1. **Petty Theft:** taking of another person’s property without consent (small $$monetary$$ amount)
         2. **Prostitution:** soliciting (selling) one’s body for sexual favors
         3. **Public Intoxication:** public drunkenness
         4. Simple Assault or battery
         5. Disorderly Conduct
         6. Trespass (can be civil offense)
         7. **Vandalism:** ruthless destruction of anything beautiful or venerable (admired)
         8. Reckless driving
         9. Manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession with intent to sell certain types of drugs
            1. Marijuana