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Urban Survival Syndrome and Affluenza Defense

# Response 1

Affluenza is described as a throbbing, transmissible, informally transmitted circumstances of excess, liability, and anxiety subsequent to the persistent chase of more. It can also be defined as 'a quasi-illness initiated by remorse for one's own socio-economic preeminence’. The word affluenza is used to mention an incapability to recognize the penalties of one's activities due to financial privilege, for example, Ethan Couch’s case (Cardenas, 2019). The urban survival syndrome is described as an excuse defense as a form of the abuse defense. For example, a person suffering from daily life of cultural discrimination and viciousness commonly observed in various cities in the United States causes a particular state equal to that initiated by survival in a violent battleground of war (Mahoney, 2019). Ultimately resulted in a state already existing in psychological filed with a name post-traumatic stress disorder.

**Response 2**

Daimion Osby killed two unarmed men in a community parking lot and argued that he shot them due to fear of life. He killed two persons because he has to save his own life and the argument was accepted as Osby was living in a community of the highest criminal rate using Urban Survival syndrome. Ethan Couch killed four persons at the age of 16 while he was driving under the effects of drugs and alcohol. He was sentenced for probation of ten years and subsequently for therapy in patient-facility (Westlund, 2018). The attorney argued that he had affluenza (he had no idea for boundaries as his parents did not give any) and should be sent for rehabilitation instead of prison and later it was accepted and he was sent to prison for two years.

## Response 3

An individual's actions should be justified on the basis of his circumstances such as urban survival is a state in which a person's actions should be excused as he is unaware of the typical situation. Similarly, the order of sentence should be declared on the basis of the actual situation not influenced by the status of wealth.

## Response 4

Ethan Couch on probation and Daimion Osby’s case, both of the cases were defended on actual circumstances and genuinely because of the fact that Ethan Couch was true to save his life and Daimion Osby was unaware of the rules and boundaries as he had not encountered these situations in his life (Mahoney, 2019). However, the crime should not be left unattended in every situation, its court's duty to thoroughly observe every inch of the incident.

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