

Let's Circle Up

What Does Justice Require?

Case Study Option #1

Two boys and a girl learn from YouTube and TikTok how easy it is to start a Kia or Hyundai with a USB cord. They try it, it works, and they go on to steal a car or two a week for a month.

They tend to target parking lots and dark streets. Once they take the cars, they mostly just joyride, pick up friends, and smoke until they run out of gas. In total, six people found empty parking spots where they had left their vehicles because of these thefts.

While attempting a seventh theft, a woman runs out of her house and starts yelling. Her husband and their fifteen-year-old son come out after her. The three kids run and split up. One of the boys gets caught by the police. He is seventeen and lives with his elderly grandmother and sister who is a nurse at the local hospital. The other two get away. Of these two, the boy is sixteen with two priors (burglary and auto theft) and the girl is eighteen with a one-year-old son, no job, and no prior police contact.

What needs to happen? What does justice require?