

## Discussion Questions: “I’m Not a Criminal”

1. Based on the student’s description of his/her actions, in your opinion how much personal responsibility is he/she taking?
2. Is this person taking enough personal responsibility? Too much? Just the right amount that can be expected? Explain.
3. How successful do you think this person will be trying to influence the judge that they are not “a typical criminal,” but a good person who made a one-time mistake?
4. Should this person be shown leniency on their punishment? Why or why not?
5. What should their punishment be? How did you come to this decision?
6. What if this person was your son or daughter, how would this change your opinion on their actions and their punishment?
7. What would you do in this person’s situation?
8. In the video, he/she says, “When I do something wrong it’s better to “fess up to it” because it makes me feel better.” What are your thoughts on this comment? Are there other reasons to confess when one does something wrong? Explain.
9. What defense mechanisms is this person showing?
10. Why do you think this person chose to remain anonymous in the video?



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