

TABLE 7.7**Mental Health Defenses Attempted by Defense Attorneys**

DEFENSE	DESCRIPTION
Affluenza	In June 2013, then 16-year-old Ethan Couch was driving while under the influence. His car struck a stalled vehicle, killing four individuals. A psychologist, hired by the defense, testified that Couch was a product of “affluenza”—his privilege and upbringing did not provide him the ability to connect his actions with consequences.
Sleepwalking	In 1997, Scott Falater stabbed his wife 44 times and subsequently drowned her in their swimming pool. His defense was that he did not remember killing his wife because he was sleepwalking. Falater was convicted of first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison.
Television intoxication	In 1977, Ronny Zamora shot and killed his elderly neighbor because she caught him burglarizing her home. Zamora's attorney raised the television intoxication defense—his client could not distinguish between reality and fantasy due to his obsession with violent television shows, such as <i>Kojak</i> .
Twinkie	In 1978, after Dan White lost his job as a San Francisco supervisor, he consumed large amounts of junk food (e.g., candy and Coca-Cola). Because he was depressed, as supported by his large consumption of junk food, Dan White brought a gun into city hall. He killed Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Milk.
Premenstrual syndrome (PMS)	In 1984, Margaret Mileau was charged with aggravated assault and reckless driving in Florida. She claimed that premenstrual syndrome was the reason she went into a rage and rammed her car into the rear as well as the passenger's and driver's doors of a car in which her boyfriend was a passenger.