

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

THE CHOICE TO ENFORCE THE LAW (OR NOT)

Randy Rainey is a 42-year-old single father who returned to school in hopes of completing a double major in criminal justice and management. He is employed as a loss prevention officer at a retail store and wants to become a regional director of loss prevention. He knows that he will need to work his way up through the loss prevention ranks but that he also needs to have the requisite education to meet his career goals.

His favorite professor is his advisor, Dr. Jame. Randy enjoys taking Dr. Jame's classes and talking with the professor about his career goals.

One Wednesday evening, Randy is working his loss prevention job. He is watching the cameras when he sees his favorite professor enter the store. Curious about the shopping habits of his mentor, Randy decides to "follow" Dr. Jame through the store by watching the security cameras. He is stunned at what he subsequently sees: Dr. Jame steals more than \$200 worth of infant formula by putting items in his infant

son's oversized diaper bag. Randy has several decisions to make:

YOU DECIDE

1. Should Randy confront Dr. Jame? Why or why not?
2. Should he ask his supervisor to handle the case? What would the supervisor think about Randy's decision not to handle the case himself?
3. If he stopped Dr. Jame, should he call the police? Why or why not?
4. What are some possible reasons that Dr. Jame stole the formula? Should those factors affect Randy's decision to bust Dr. Jame? Should those factors affect decisions to better secure formula in the future? Explain.
5. Should Randy continue to take classes offered by Dr. Jame? Explain.
6. What if Dr. Jame stole something cheaper, like a package of diapers that costs \$10? Would this change any of your answers to the preceding questions?