Criminal Law – Prof. Burke

The required casebook is *Criminal Law: Cases and Materials* (7th ed.) by Kaplan, Weisberg & Binder.

For the first day of class, students should read

1) Pages 21-31 of the casebook, and
2) excerpt from Understanding Criminal Law by Joshua Dressler, which can be obtained under “Course Materials” on the TWEN page for this course.

A syllabus for the first half of the semester and a list of Course Requirements will be distributed on the first day of class and will also be available on TWEN.

Please note in advance that this course does not lend itself to laptop note-taking. Surveys at other schools report that students are more satisfied with the learning environment in no-laptop courses. Although some students prefer to use laptops, a larger number of students in the surveys say that classrooms are quieter, they can hear the teacher and other students better, and they feel more engaged in the classroom experience with fewer distractions. Accordingly, students may not use a laptop during class and should be prepared to take notes on paper.

Please also note that we will not have class on Thursday, October 17.