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Special Topics Reaction Paper

I decided to read the special issues chapter about high technology crimes. I found that the most interesting aspect of the chapter was the section about bio crimes. What I really found interesting about this topic was that it is not really that heard of today. You would hear about the spread of deadly diseases in the movies but would never actually see it in real life. I never thought about cloning as a bio crime, or that it would be crime at all. I can see why criminal justice officials would be concerned that cloning would be used for criminal purposes. It never crossed my mind that someone would use cloning technology to break the law.

The part that I found the least interesting was the section about cyber crime. I found this part not very interesting mainly because it is the main type of tech crime that you hear about. I am more interested in the high tech crimes that you don’t always hear about. Also, whenever I read about people giving out their personal info to an email, I always get kind of mad. I feel like cyber crimes are just talked about too much when discussing tech crimes. It makes sense, however, because cyber crimes are the most common form of tech crime that criminal justice officials will see.

What always bugs me about cyber crime is not the crime itself, but some of the people who fall victim to it. This may sound really rude, but I am always surprised by how stupid some people can be when it comes to giving out their personal information online. For example, say you received an email saying that you won a free cruise and all you need to do is give the cruise company your credit card information and social security number. First of all, why would a cruise company need your social security number in order to put you on the cruise? I have been on multiple cruises and the only thing they needed was my passport. Never have they asked for my social security number. Also, why would you give your credit card information to a company that contacted you out of the blue on email? I am always amazed at how many people will fall for that kind of scam. It seems like it should be common sense to not give out such important information. Apparently, not everyone thinks that way and will often pay the price for it. They are scammed out of their money and identities. I can understand false identities on Facebook or catfishing, but I don’t understand how you could fall victim so easily to an email scam.

I know of one case that applies to the topics covered in this chapter. For English this year, I had to listen to different episodes of a podcast. I chose a podcast about criminal justice. One of the episodes was about a woman who was catfished on Facebook. The person who was scamming her was trying to get some money out of her. I was really surprised by the amount of time the scammer put into trying to scam the woman. He spent months gaining her trust and making her think that a relationship was possible. After months of talking to her, he made up some story about how he was stuck somewhere with no money. He ended up asking her for help and luckily, she didn’t fall for it.

I would not want to take a class on this topic mainly because it does not interest me that much. While the topic of high tech crime may seem interesting to some people, I would only be interested in the parts about bio crime or the parts about sex crime online. I don’t think a class on just cyber crime would be very interesting to me. I would probably just get mad at people’s stupidity when it comes to online scams and catfishing over social media like Facebook and Instagram.