Issues in Policing Case Study – 2.5%

**Assignment:** Throughout the unit you have learned about the Canadian Criminal Justice System. For this module you will be applying that learning to a case study about a controversial topic, racial profiling by police.

**Step 1** – Read the excerpt from the Ontario Human Rights Commission detailing racial disparity in arrests and charges. Then read the article linked and watch the videos on Systemic Racism in Canada and policing in Toronto. Record your learning in your learning journal.

**Step 2** - Read the case *R. v. Brown* that discusses racial profiling in policing. Think about the case and its outcomes.

**Step 3** – Reflect by answering the following 5 questions in 1 paragraph each for a total of 5 paragraphs or 1 – 2 pages single spaced. If you conduct any research, you must reference it with a Works Cited Page and cite any sources using in – text citations.

**Questions:**

**1.** Do you think there were reasonable grounds to justify the initial stop of Mr. Brown? Why or why not?  
**2.** What does "racial profiling" mean to you?  
**3.** What is the difference between racial profiling and pursuing a suspect of a particular race?  
**4.** How does racial profiling by police affect the individual? The local community? Wider society?  
**5.** What should be done to address racial profiling by police?

Evaluation: You will be evaluated using the following rubric.

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| Criteria | Level 1 (50 – 59%) | Level 2 (60 – 69%) | Level 3 (70 – 79%) | Level 4 (80 – 100%) |
| Knowledge  Do you demonstrate knowledge of the case study? | You use limited details from the case study in your response to questions. | You use some details from the case study in your response to questions. | You use considerable details from the case study in your response to questions. | You use through details from the case study, videos and other research in your response to questions. |
| Thinking  Do you reflect on racial profiling and how it affects the individual, community and society? | You demonstrate limited critical reflection. | You reflect on how racial profiling affects the individual and community. | You reflect in detail on how racial profiling affects the individual, community and society. | You reflect in exceptional detail on how racial profiling affects the individual, community and society while providing a deep and thought – provoking analysis. |
| Communication  Do you clearly communicate your reflection? | Your assignment has many grammar, spelling and sentence structure errors. | Your assignment is somewhat clearly communicated. | Your assignment is clearly communicated. | Your assignment is clearly communicated with as sense of voice and passion. |
| Application  Do you reflect on and provide solutions to systemic racism within policing? | You have a limited reflection and do not provide solutions. | You provide some solutions and have some detailed reflection on racism within the policing community. | You provide real – world solutions to systemic racism within policing in Canada. | You reflect critically on systemic racism within policing and how society can address these issues on multiple levels. |