



CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN THE USA



PURPOSE / OUTLINE

- offense v. crime
- grading offenses in the USA;
- types of offenses in the USA;
- potential penalties for the offenses in the USA;
- effects of the felony-misdemeanor classification.



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OFFENSE V. CRIME





GRADING OFFENSES IN THE USA

- Classification of offenses rests with the individual jurisdiction of each state.
- Grading is based on degree of seriousness of the crime (the felony-misdemeanor classification.)

TYPES OF OFFENSES IN THE USA

Offenses

common classification

a violation

the least serious offense

regulatory offenses

sanitary violations,
unlawful assembly,
public disturbances

a felony

the most serious offense

crimes against the person

criminal homicide,
robbery, rape

crimes against the property

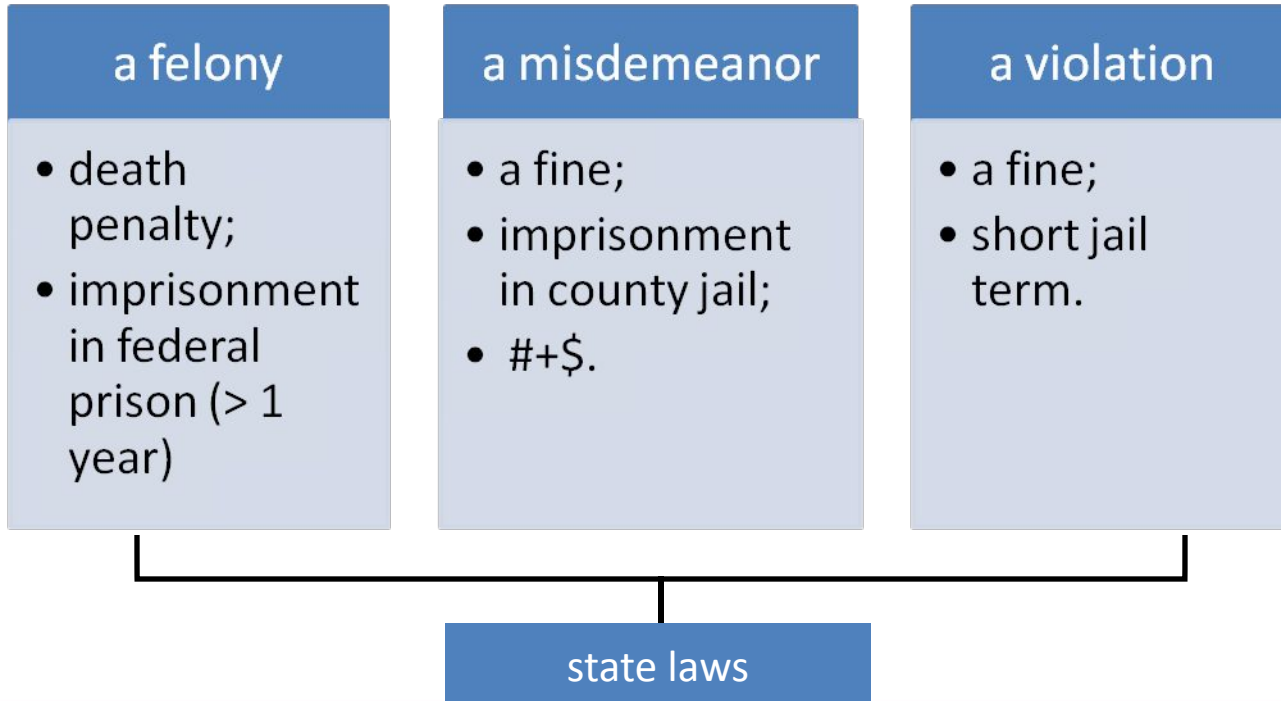
burglary, larceny

a misdemeanor

a less serious offense

petty larceny, disturbing the peace, unlawful possession of drugs, assault, battery

Potential penalties for the offenses in the USA





THE EFFECTS OF THE FELONY-MISDEMEANOR CLASSIFICATION

