

## **CASE STUDY & ANALYSIS**

### ***Justice Taken Hostage***

#### **The case of Mr. S (No CV91-0546)**

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This is an actual example of *Linguistic and Cultural barriers to equal access to Justice and fair representation under the Law*. The author was directly involved in the process of investigation leading to *Post Conviction Relief* in this case.

#### **Assignment:**

- A) Read assigned articles related to language and cultural barriers thoroughly.
- B) Study the case brief carefully while highlighting issues found most critical to you.
- C) Prepare to participate in an analysis of the case to include:

- 1. An introduction introducing your overview of the case**
- 2. Reflecting back on the readings and discussion in the class and language and cultural barriers, please address 3 of the questions (a-h) including a sound explanation of your answers:**
  - a. What factors contributed to Mr. S's arrest?
  - b. What issues appear critical to the charging decision?
  - c. Was Mr. S provided adequate counsel prior to the trial?
  - d. Did the court appointed defense functioned appropriately?
  - e. Were the court proceedings compromised due to Language & Cultural barriers?
  - f. Should Mr. S been charged as he was?
  - g. Was he treated fairly by the judicial system, in and out of court?
  - h. Was Mr. S. Competent to Stand Trial..?
- 3. Did Mr. S. have equal access to Justice and did he receive a fair treatment by the law?**
- 4. What alternative solutions would you recommend?**

Please note: This is a very important assignment. You are urged to allocate appropriate time and attention to the task. Good luck!

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