REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT 2.1 - MSU CRISIS **Due 02/19/19**

**Issue:**

* The sexual abuse crisis at Michigan State University is historic, and continues to broaden with each new fact and allegation.
* At the center of the controversy are the very immoral and criminal acts of Dr. Larry Nassar, a medical doctor employed by MSU, who was recently sentenced to life in prison for his crimes.
* And yet, despite the obvious role of Dr. Nassar, countless other moral dilemmas and breakdowns have been revealed involving many other individuals.
* These dilemmas would suggest that the university placed athletic success and reputation above the protection, safety, and ethical obligations it owed to its students and student-athletes.
* There are many people involved in these dilemmas, both those in control as well as the victims.
* This case involves a former MSU basketball player, who later became a professional basketball player. He was accused of an assault of a woman in a bar. How the matter was handled afterward is at issue.

**Assignment:**

Read the two articles provided on my website. One is a newspaper article, the other, a summary of more facts gathered in the investigation. Although at first this appeared to be a simple assault case, it actually involves a number of moral breakdowns and dilemmas involving several people, as well as the university itself.

1. Identify three **moral breakdowns/dilemmas,** and the **moral object** of each (the *What?* Or the outcome of a given situation)
2. Identify the **subject** (or person/s) involved in those challenges (the *Who?*)
3. What other **circumstances** were involved in each case? (*Where? When? How? Why?*)
4. What, if any, **consequences** were present in each situation, and did they play a factor (e.g. did they pose a risk to anyone?) in the individual breakdown? Why or why not?
5. Explain **whether the outcome was moral or immoral** in your opinion, and be sure to explain why.
6. For each dilemma, what might the **alternatives** have been to avoid the eventual immoral outcome?

**Format:**

* Print on hard-copy, portrait
* For each of the three moral dilemmas, the responses to the above questions must be numbered and labeled as you see above (e.g. 1. Moral dilemma: xxxxx, Moral Object: xxxx)
* Tables may be used, and in fact, are encouraged
* Print on both sides to conserve paper
* You will be marked down if you do not follow this formatting directive