



Dilemma Story Session #2

Officer Johnson has been working patrol for five years. She is assigned to uniform patrol and has an area that includes an elementary school and a high school, and some residential and commercial properties. After roll call, she leaves the station and is driving patrol, working the afternoon shift.

The school has reported an SUV parked in the school lot overnight, with people coming and going from it. Officer Johnson gets a call on a verbal domestic in a car parked in the area strip mall. She arrives at the mall and sees an SUV parked near a store. Officer Johnson can hear voices from inside the vehicle shouting and cursing. Officer Johnson turns on her lights and pulls in behind the car. She notices that the car has no rear plate.

Officer Johnson's back up arrives and also checks out with dispatch. The officers approach the car and can see there are suitcases and garbage bags packed throughout the vehicle. Two adults and three children are inside, and appear to have been living in the car. They hear, "Nobody says a word, but me."

Officer Johnson walks up to the driver's door, activates her body-worn camera, and sees a Black male who appears to be about thirty years old. She asks him for his license, car registration, and insurance information. An Asian female adult in the front seat appears to have been crying and has a swollen right eye. The driver gives Johnson several documents and asks why he was pulled over. As Officer Johnson begins to examine the documents, she sees what looks like a cut across the man's knuckles. The rear passenger door opens, and two children get out and say that daddy hit mommy and are crying. What should Officer Johnson do now?

Discussion Questions for Facilitator

After you watch the dilemma video:

- What values should govern the actions of the police officer in this dilemma?
- What values do you see in conflict with each other in the dilemma?

Text study and discussion around the chosen text:

- Go back to the dilemma again and discuss the dilemma story considering your text study.

Wrap up questions at the end of your discussion:

- To what extent did the scenario and session deepen your understanding of the challenges of public safety policies and practices?
 - No change in my understanding
 - Some deepening of my understanding
 - Great deepening of my understanding

- How much do you agree or disagree: Faith-based values can inform public safety decisions and action?
 - Strongly agree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Not sure
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Strongly disagree