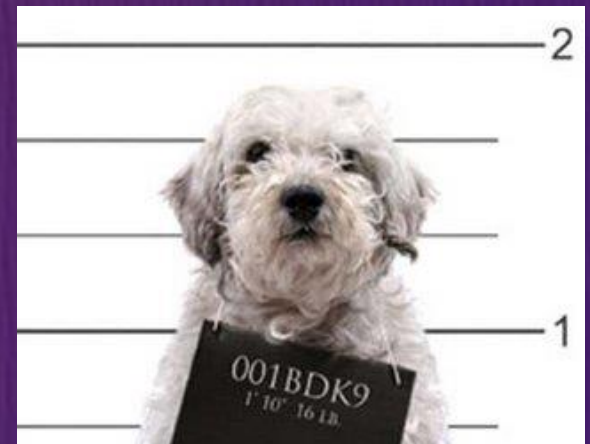


Federal and State Crimes

Not every crime is created equal



Discuss:

What is the difference between a state and federal crime?

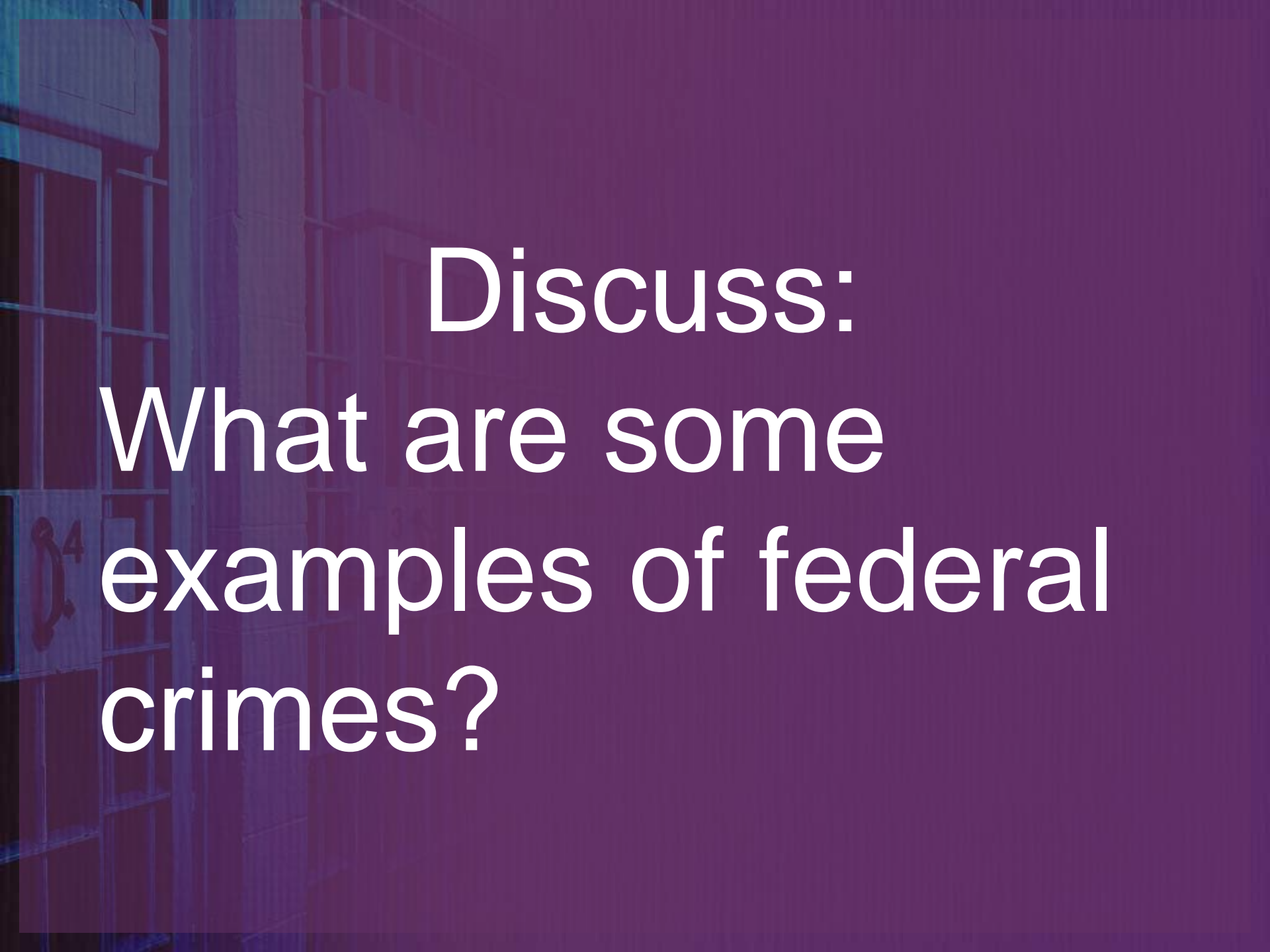
Federal Crimes

Federal crimes are any infraction of federal law and legal code. They can range from mail fraud to identity theft, drug trafficking to gun licensing violations, and immigration fraud to illegally downloading songs and movies on the internet. Federal crimes are investigated by government agencies such as the FBI, IRS, or DEA.



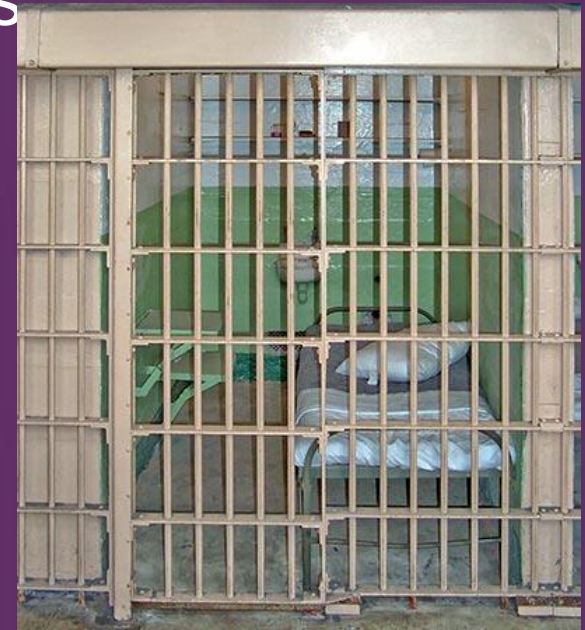


When federal cases go to trial, they are prosecuted by the United States Attorney rather than a state or district attorney. If there is a conviction, the sentencing follows federal guidelines and can result in jail time in a federal prison instead of a state correctional facility. Examples of federal crimes include:

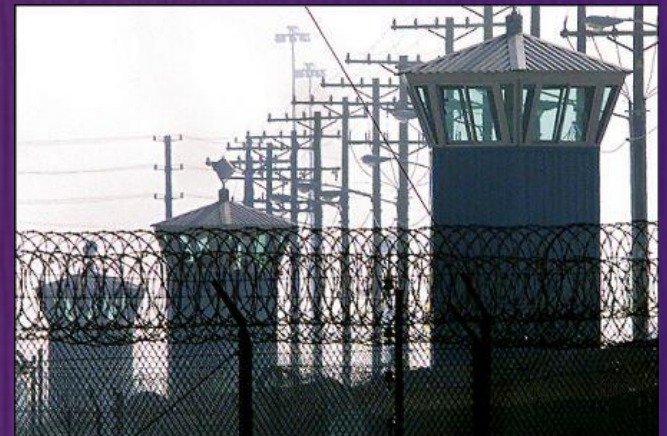
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Discuss:
What are some
examples of federal
crimes?

- White-collar crime
- International money laundering
- Drug trafficking
- Hate crimes
- Gun crimes***
- Computer crimes
- Copyright infringement
- Immigration crimes
- Organized crime
- Mail fraud
- Bank robberies
- Kidnapping***
- Murder***
- Felonies***



State laws differ by state, but most crimes committed fall under the umbrella of state crime. If a crime or series of crimes crosses state lines, however, it falls under federal jurisdiction. Examples of state crimes include:



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What are some
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- Murder***
- Assault
- Robbery
- Domestic Violence
- Aggravated assault
- Drug dealing
- Weapons offenses***
- Grand theft
- Kidnapping***
- Fraud
- Rape
- Stalking
- Felonies***
- Misdemeanors



Discuss:

What is the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor?

What's the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor?

A felony is a crime that is punishable by at least one year and one day that is 366 days of imprisonment. Felonies also carry the potential for significant fines. punishment. Examples of felonies include :

- possession narcotics (cocaine, methamphetamine, etc.)
- Homicide
- Rape
- theft over 500 dollars
- Arson
- Tax evasion
- Treason



A misdemeanor is a lesser criminal act. Usually only repeat misdemeanor offenders are punished by actual jail time. It is highly unlikely that a first time misdemeanant will serve any jail time. A gross misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in jail and includes a fine of 3,000 dollars. Offenders having been charged previously of misdemeanor convictions can be charged with a gross misdemeanor, in cases of repetitive offenses. A gross misdemeanor is categorized one step under a felony and its examples include third degree DWI (DUI)

A petty misdemeanor is yet another category which does not get listed under the head of crime since there is no jail sentence involved. Examples of this kind of misdemeanor comprise of parking tickets, most speeding tickets and possession of a very small quantity of marijuana. People convicted of misdemeanors are often punished with probation, community service or part time imprisonment, served on the weekends; which is highly in contrast to felons who are enslaved in a prison. Misdemeanors usually do not result in jail time, but may lead to the loss of professional licenses, public offices, or public employment. The US federal government and many states segregate misdemeanors into several classes, wherein certain classes necessitate imprisonment while others let you off with only a fine.

