DIRECTIONS: Choose Option One or Option Two. Save two electronic copies of your answer (one with just your ID number assigned to you, the other with your ID number and name). Email both copies to dv14@txstate.edu. Print out a hard copy as well with both your id number and name written on it.

Option 1
1. Both labeling and deterrence theories contend that societal reactions to crime affect the likelihood that a criminal act will be repeated. While one of these perspectives suggests that negative reactions lead to more criminality, the other contends that negative reactions lead to less crime.

   A) Present, in your own words, the causal arguments of labeling and deterrence theories. Where appropriate, include in your discussion the theory’s assumptions, and hypotheses.

   B) Based on your understanding of the empirical literature which of the two provides a better explanation for crime in society? Defend your choice.

Option 2
You have been asked by the mayor of a city to design a housing project in such a way as to reduce the risk of victimization for its inhabitants.

   A) Pick a theory that you think cannot be used to help you design the housing project. Explain, referring to specific aspects of the theory when appropriate, why the theory would not help you accomplish your objective.

   B) Pick a theory that you think can be used to help you design the housing project. Explain, referring to specific aspects of the theory when appropriate, why the theory would help you accomplish your objective.