1. Summary Conviction offence: a crime that is considered less serious and carries a lighter penalty
2. Indictable offence: a more serious crime that carries a heavier penalty
3. Hybrid/dual offence: an offence that the Crown can try either as a summary or indictable offence
4. Homicide: the killing of another human being, either directly or indirectly
5. Culpable homicide: a killing for which the accused can be held legally responsible
6. Non culpable homicide: a killing for which the accused can not be held legally responsible
7. Murder: the intentional killing of another human being
8. First degree murder: a killing that is planned and deliberate, is contracted, causes the death of a peace officer or is committed during another serious crime
9. Second degree murder: any murder not classified as first degree
10. Manslaughter: any culpable homicide not classified as murder or infanticide
11. Assault: threatened or actual physical contact without consent
12. Assault with a weapon/causing bodily harm: injuring a person in a way that has serious consequences for the victim’s health or comfort
13. Aggravated assault: wounding, maiming, disfiguring or endangering the life of the victim
14. Sexual assault: touching of a sexual nature that is not invited or consensual
15. Sexual assault with a weapon/causing bodily harm/threats to a third party: a form of sexual assault that involved the use of weapons, threats or physical injury
16. Aggravated sexual assault: sexual assault that involves wounding, maiming, disfiguring or endangering the life of a victim
17. Suicide: not a criminal crime in Canada since 1972 but a person aiding or abets another can be charged with an indictable offence.
18. Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle: failing to exercise the same care a prudent driver would under the same conditions
19. Failure to stop at the scene of an accident: anyone who is involved in motor vehicle accident and does not stop, offer assistance and give their name and address. AKA hit and run.
20. Impaired driving: driving or having “care or control” of a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
21. Theft: taking property permanently or temporarily, without the owner’s permission. Theft under is the hybrid offence of stealing good worth less than $5000 and theft over is the indictable offence of stealing goods worth over $5000.
22. Robbery: the theft of personal property through violence or the threat of violence
23. Breaking and entering: breaking or opening something in order to enter the premises without permission with the intent to commit an indictable offence
24. Mischief: willfully destroying or damaging property or data, interfering with the lawful use of property or data, interfering with any person in the lawful use of property
25. Public mischief: providing false information that causes the police to start or continue an investigation without cause
26. Fraud: intentionally deceiving someone in order to cause a loss of property, money or service
27. Controlled substance: any drug listed in Schedule I to V of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
28. Possession: the state of having knowledge of and control over something
29. Trafficking: a criminal offence that involves selling, giving, transporting, or distributing a controlled substance or an authorization for a controlled substance