Legal English Centre

Unit 15 - Criminal law

- 1. As a first-time offender, he is unlikely to receive jail time.
- 2. Both felons, acting together and in concert, broke into the old lady's house and murdered her with extreme cruelty.
- 3. You felon, how could you be so vile!
- 4. Co-offenders commit crimes in groups or in pairs, and are more likely to engage in violent crime than solo offenders.
- 5. The government may be justified in punishing a repeat offender more severely than a first offender.
- 6. "A suspect is a person, to whom a decision presenting charges was issued"
- 7. "The suspect was finally charged with murder in June 2001."
- 8. An accused is a person against whom an indictment was submitted to court, and also a person to whom a public prosecutor has filed a request for conditional discontinuance of proceedings.
- 9. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

Or

How do you plead?

I plead not guilty.

- 10. To acquit somebody of something.
- 11. The District Court for Warszawa Śródmieście acquits Jan Kowalski of the act he was charged with.
- 12. The District Court for Warszawa Śródmieście finds Ignacy Bieda guilty of the act he was charged with and sentences him to a penalty of three years of deprivation of liberty.