



Group: Holiday

Rationalization: Ugly/Costly Divorce:

State It: Divorce is one of the most costly times in a person's life. It's costly in finances, and costly emotionally. The weight a divorce can put on someone can often put so much pressure on a person that they act out of character.

Story It: I want to share with you a situation I remember from just last year. It was right around this same time and I ended up having to speak with a lady that worked for us about some decisions that she made. She had just been through a divorce and literally spent every penny she had trying to fight for custody of her children. Her ex-husband had worked the entire time they had been married and had a lot of money, and she had stayed home to raise the kids and didn't have a lot at all since she separated. The kids were torn between her and their dad, and it was just about holiday time. Her ex-husband went out of his way to make a lavish and amazing Christmas for the kids, and the associate that worked for us, well, she just didn't have anything left to give the kids a good holiday. She felt like they were going to want to spend it with her ex, and not her if she didn't do something to make it as nice as he did. Unfortunately, when left with the choice of taking a chance with some bad decisions at work, or facing her kids' disappointment and possibly not having them for Christmas, she chose to take that gamble and make sure her kids' holiday was magical. She took some money from the cash drawer. She knew she may have to take accountability for it later, but in her mind, at that time, it was the only option she had.

Moral It: It's not like she was taking money to buy herself nice things. It was simply so she could provide a nice Christmas for her kids.

Link It: That's why the company has people like me look into these situations. If we only saw what a video tape showed, we might make the wrong decision about a person. But, when we hear the actual reasons behind the actions, it paints a clear picture of the type of person we are dealing with.