

## Exercise 1: Conflict Scenario

**Directions:** Read these scenarios and discuss the conflict and bias in them with your group.

### Scenario 1

Two eighteen year old Latino American men walk into a convenience store. The owner and his wife of Asian descent follow the young men as they walk through the store. The owner and his wife keep a close eye on the two young men to insure they don't steal any merchandise. When the men finish selecting their items, they walk to the checkout counter, pay in cash for their items, and leave the store.

#### Comments:

### Scenario 2

Two middle age well dressed Caucasian men walk into a convenience store. The owner and his wife greet the men, as they walk through the store, the owner and his wife continue with their daily duties. The men leave the store after browsing the aisles and the owner smiles as they leave. After the men leave without purchasing anything, the owner and his wife realize that the men stole 12 boxes of merchandise that were set out to be stocked on the shelves. They watch in horror as the men load the last box into their car and drive away.

#### Comments:

### Scenario 3

Write your own!

### Reflection

Discuss the two scenarios within your group. Choose one of the three scenarios to discuss in detail. How realistic are they? Do these scenarios remind you of a situation that you have observed? How did this make you feel? How do you think the people in these situations felt? How would you respond to these situations? What can we do to avoid this type of bias and treatment? Why is it important to confront bias and stereotyping?

#### Comments:

### Independent Study Option:

Discuss the scenarios and stereotyping with a partner. This can be a friend or family member-it does not have to be a classmate. What type of bias behavior or stereotyping occurs in the scenario? Where do you think this comes from and why? Think about and include consequences in your discussion and written response. Write your own reflection paper on the scenario of your choice. Be sure to address the reflection questions above and anything else you feel is relevant. This assignment is ILO of the class activities scheduled for Wednesday and Friday that the Fine Arts Company will miss.