Listen to the three news items and choose the best possible answer for each question.

1. **What is the news item about?**
a) Hundreds of criminals will be on probation.
b) Certain crimes will no longer be investigated.
c) The victims will no longer have to identify the suspects.

2. **What's the official view that the Police has given about it?**
a) More pressing concerns and cuts are behind this decision.
b) They're carrying out this action due to the rise of certain crimes.
c) They're doing this out of consideration to the victims.

3. **The number of crimes involving fire arms in London rose…**
a) to 27%
b) by 27%
c) to 42%
d) by 42%

4. **The number of suspects accused of knife crimes in England…**
a) has risen
b) has dropped
c) has rocketed
d) has fallen drastically

5. What's the figure of fraud and cybercrime offences committed in England & Wales over
the last year?
a) an estimated 5.5 million offences
b) 5.5 million offences
c) probably over 5.5 million offences

6. What happened to the mother of a listener?
a) She was the victim of a phone company scheme
b) She fell prey to a phone scam
c) She became involved in bank fraud

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01. ...And we've been discussing... the front page of 'The Sun' this morning, an exclusive story for them, 'Crime wave' is the headline and it's hundreds of thousands of crimes that **will no longer be probed by the Metropolitan Police**: burglaries, thefts and somersaults are being ignored. That's right, being ignored unless the victim's report identifies a suspect. It's been revealed to the Met's thirty thousand officers. They found out about this last month and it's all to save 400 million pounds by 2020. That is what is needed 400 million pounds **is the cost-cutting move**. Uhm...former police chief said no consideration is being given to victims. And the police themselves say 'Look, gun crime, knife crime, sex offences are up, calls to 999 have risen by ten percent...all of this against the backdrop of **the current terror threat. So we're having to balance the books with fewer officers, and less money. We must prioritise** our resources to be able to cope with the demand so our officers can be in the right place at the right time to help the public. These are things they won't be doing.

02. The BBC has learned one in six of all victims of gun crime in London so far this year were under 18. **Last year the number of crimes involving a fire arm rose by 27%** across England and Wales **but** here **in London the rise was even more pronounced, 42%.** Meanwhile figures show police forces across the country are charging **fewer people with knife crime** even though the number of offences is on the rise.

03. Nearly half of all crime reported in England and Wales is fraud and cybercrime. That's according to the Officefor National Statistics' crime survey of England and Wales out today. It's exactly a year since fraud was first included in the ONS crime statistics and in **that time there have been five and a half million fraud and cybercrime offences reported.** And because most fraud isn't reported at all, **the real figure is likely to be much higher.** We'll be hearing from the chief inspector of constabulary in a minute, but first an example of the kind of case that's reported to us by our listeners almost every day. **Rosamund McDowell's mother** rung us in a very distressed state. She's seventy nine, and had been contacted by criminals **pretending to be from her phone company**. They told her that they'd accidentally paid money into her account and **they tricked her into giving** them access to it and then took thousands of pounds.

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