Crimes and criminals

1. Fill in the gaps in the sentences with the words below.

Looting mugger murderer robber shoplifter drug dealers
arson burglar burglarized smuggled robbed shoplifter theft
vandal drug-dealing murder arsonist mugged vandalism

1. She was arrested for _____after setting fire to her ex-boyfriend's house.
2. My neighbor's house was _____ last night, but luckily nothing was taken.
3. The police caught three men involved in _____ near the school, they were selling illegal narcotic.
4. I was _____at the park last week and had my phone stolen.
5. The suspect was charged with _____ after confessing to the crime of killing a person.
6. Our store was_____ at gunpoint last night and all the cash was taken.
7. The security camera caught the _____ stealing a scarf from the boutique.
8. The airport authorities discovered a large amount of drugs being _____ in a shipment of bananas.
9. She reported the _____ of her laptop from her car to the police.
10. The school principal offered a reward for any information about the _____ on campus.
11. The _____spray-painted graffiti on the side of the building.
12. After careful investigation, they found that the_____ was the owner of the burned down restaurant.
13. Our house was broken into by a _____ while we were on vacation.
14. The police have been monitoring the neighborhood for _____following an increase in crime.
15. During the hurricane, the town experienced widespread _____and chaos.
16. The _____threatened me with a knife and took my wallet.
17. He was convicted as a _____for killing his ex-girlfriend and sentenced to life in prison.
18. The _____ran away with the stolen jewelry before the police arrived.
19. The _____was caught on camera stealing candy from the convenience

2. Guess the criminals by the descriptions in the texts.

1. The _____

It was a hot summer afternoon. The park was full of families enjoying the sunshine. Suddenly, there were flames and black smoke everywhere. People started running and screaming. It was terrible. The police arrived quickly but the criminal had gone. They never found him.

2. The _____

It was late at night and the family was asleep. Suddenly, they heard a noise downstairs. The father went to see what it was. There was a criminal in the living room! The father shouted and the criminal ran away. He didn't take anything.

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3. The _____
The police had been watching him for months. They knew he was dangerous and had a lot of weapons. One day, they arrested him. His gang tried to help him but the police caught all of them. Now he's in prison.

4. The _____
The city was in chaos. The hurricane had destroyed everything. People were taking the items from the shops and stealing everything they could find. Some of them were caught and went to prison.

5. The _____
It was dark and she was walking home. Suddenly, a man ran up behind her and grabbed her bag. She screamed and held on to it. They fought for a few minutes but he was stronger than her. He got the bag and ran away.

6. The _____
He was a famous actor but he was also very jealous of his wife's success. One day, they had a terrible fight and he killed her. He went to prison for life.

7. The _____It was a small bank in a quiet street. The criminal walked in and pointed his gun at the cashier. 'Give me all the money!' he shouted. Then he ran out of the bank with $10,000.

3. Match the crimes and criminals with their definitions.

vandal	drug dealer	murderer	arson	theft	looting	thief	shoplifter	shoplifting	smuggling	robber
mugging	drug-dealing	mugger	robbery	looter	arsonist	burglary	vandalism	murder	burglar	smuggler

	setting fire to a building		selling drugs
	a person who steals from shops or houses during extraordinary situations such as war, fire, natural disasters		a person who steals
	damaging other people's property		the act of stealing something
	stealing from someone in his/her presence by violence		a person who attacks people in the street in order to steal their money
	attacking people in order to take their money, especially in the street		a person who steals things from a shop
	stealing things from the shop		taking things into or out of a country secretly and illegally
	breaking into a house and stealing things		a person who sells drugs
	a person who damages other people's property		a person who takes things into and out of a country secretly and illegally
	a person who illegally sets fire to a building		stealing from shops or houses during a war or a violent event
	the crime of killing a person		a person who robs
	someone who kills another person		a person who breaks into a house and steals things

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