

# RPMs

Rationalization – distorting the true intention behind their crime.

- e.g., "I didn't mean to steal the money, I just wanted to borrow it."

Projections of blame - placing blame for their own actions onto someone or something else

- e.g., the victim, an accomplice, low salary, unfair treatment, intoxication.

Minimization – convincing themselves that what they did could have been much worse

- e.g., "I only took \$50,000. If I were dishonest, I could have easily embezzled \$100,000;" "there is no injury to the victim, e.g., "The company can afford the loss"; "The child was not physically injured."