Introduction to Law Chapter 8 Notes "Preliminary Crimes"

Introduction

- certain types of behavior takes place before, and often in preparation for, the commission of a crime
- the following examples give the police the opportunity to prevent the intended crime

Solicitation

- the asking, commanding, urging, or advising of another person to commit a crime
- it doesn't matter if the person ever commits the solicited crime for the charge to be made

Attempt

- to be guilty of the attempted crime, the accused must have both intended to commit the crime and taken a "substantial step" toward committing the crime
- when someone performs all of the elements of a crime, but fails to achieve the criminal result, an *attempt* has occurred

Conspiracy

- an agreement between two or more persons to commit a crime
- meant to prevent other crimes, combat crimes by organized groups, and allows police to arrest conspirators before they come dangerously close to completing a crime