



ETHICS – AND THE DAILY ROUTINE

John Jones arrives at work 10 minutes before his scheduled start time of 8:30 a.m. He turns on his computer and glances at one of the local news websites to see what is happening both locally and around the nation. He then goes to his company's kitchen to get a cup of coffee.

While in the kitchen, John leaves two boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts which he brought to work that morning for his fellow employees. He then considers taking milk or cream with his coffee, but decides to take it plain. He takes a few packets of sugar, which he places in his pocket for later use. Jones then begins to walk to his desk.

As he passes one co-employee, he notices that that individual is playing a game of solitaire on the computer. He passes a second employee, and notices that that individual is looking at a site which may contain pornographic material, although he did not focus too much on it. Jones returned to his desk, sat down, and began to drink the cup of coffee. At this time, his work day technically began.

John's supervisor passed by and they chatted briefly about a television show that they saw the night before, and about a business matter to be handled that day. After his supervisor left, Jones realized he left his wallet at home. He grabbed the phone at his desk, called his roommate and asked the roommate to bring the wallet to him at the office. After getting off the phone, Jones received an e-mail from one of the company's clients and he addressed the issues raised in it.

What ethical issues may be involved with respect to the above scenario?