Social Autopsy

Summary: A tool that helps students understand a social mistake and how to correct it in the future.

When to use:
- To help a student better understand a social situation.
- To help the student respond more appropriately in the future.

How to use:
- Identify an area with privacy to discuss the situation with the student.
- Complete the worksheet:
    - Identify the error
    - Identify who was harmed by the error
    - Decide how to correct the error
    - Develop a plan so the error doesn't happen again
- Model and role play the plan prior to the student carrying it out.
- Follow up with the student after the plan has been carried out.

Tips:
- *Initially model how to use the worksheet, then as appropriate, begin to give the student more independence.*
- *You may need to help the student by providing options for the steps. For example: If the error is a student damages another student's personal item, options for correcting the error could be to apologize, repair the item, or to replace the item.*
- *Pairing visuals can facilitate increased understanding.*