Ethics Case Assignment

Directions:

Please do not exceed three double-spaced pages.

Place yourself in the position of Steven. What would you do? Apply the following framework to justify your decision.

* 1. Identify the relevant facts
  2. Define the ethical issue
  3. Identify the affected stakeholders
  4. Identify the consequences – discuss the consequentialist approach
     1. What are the harms and benefits for stakeholders given potential decisions/actions?
     2. What decision will produce the most benefit (and least harm) for the greatest number of people, and for society at large?
  5. Identify the obligations – discuss the deontological approach
     1. If everyone behaved this way, would that be acceptable?
     2. Would I want to live in that world? (Kant’s categorical imperative)
     3. What would be a fair action if identities were unknown? (Rawls’ veil of ignorance)
  6. Consider your character and Integrity – discuss the virtue ethics approach
     1. What would the broader community think if this were disclosed? *New York Times* test?
     2. What would my “harshest moral critic” expect me to do?
  7. Think creatively about other potential actions
  8. Check your gut