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