

# THE Unoriginal Sin

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**Have you ever** wished you could start over and change the past, or do you prefer to live life without ever looking back? When it comes to romance, friendships, family and work, do second chances really exist?

Though only certain crimes are punishable in our society, there are common offenses people commit every day that we may forgive, but rarely forget. Harlequin's Romance Experts lay down the law and give these everyday offenses the sentence they deserve. Read on to find out the verdict. . . .

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### INVESTIGATIVE SIN REPORTS

#### CASE No. 90234

**CRIME:** Accidentally sending out an email criticizing your boss - to your boss.

**SENTENCE:** Schedule a meeting immediately to clear the air. You may have squashed that upcoming promotion, but if you want to continue working at your company, you need to address the email. Offer solutions on how you can improve your working relationship and now, more than ever, make that extra effort to do good work so you can prove to your boss that you're a better person than the one who sent that email.

#### CASE No. 51489

**CRIME:** Secretly meeting with an ex without your partner's knowledge.

**SENTENCE:** Cut off all communication with your ex, including phone, email and Facebook, and swear that you'll never see them again. Secretly meeting an ex opens up a can of worms. Such a secret rendezvous will only lead to hurt feelings once your partner finds out, and trust us - the truth ALWAYS comes out.

#### CASE No. 28489

**Crime:** Dishing your best friend's secret to others.

**SENTENCE:** Arrange something special for your friend to make up for what you did. Your friend is well within his/her rights not to trust you so easily next time. You will have to rebuild the trust you've broken, and remember the old saying, "what goes around comes around." You might not be off the hook entirely.

#### CASE No. 5490

**CRIME:** Married and having a secret affair with a friend.

**SENTENCE:** Immediately end the affair and confess to your partner. Having exchanged vows with your loved one and then hurt them in this way is inexcusable. To rectify this situation, come out of hiding and face the truth. This may be difficult to do, but it's time to take responsibility for your actions.

#### CASE No. 23215

**CRIME:** Calling out an ex's name while in bed with your partner.

**SENTENCE:** Apologize, but also examine your relationship closely. There may be a reason why you said what you did. You should be attracted to your partner more than anyone else, so if you're not, take some time to re-evaluate whether this is a healthy and happy relationship.

#### CASE No. 89516

**CRIME:** Applying for a friend's dream job and accepting the position before telling them.

**SENTENCE:** To mend this relationship, apologize, promise to always be open and proactively help him/her find their dream job. If the job is something you also wanted, it's fair for you to accept it, but be honest from the start to avoid hurt feelings - and make sure not to gloat about your new position.

