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**Title:** How Much is Enough?

**Author:** Patricia Keith-Spiegel and Gerald P. Koocher, *Ethics in Psychology: Professional Standards and Cases*, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 1995.

**Description:** A researcher and study participants differ in opinion over what is a sufficient amount to pay prisoners for research participation.

**Headings:** Special Populations and Cultural Competence; Institutionalized populations; Voluntariness and Undue Influence in Recruitment; Financial incentives

**Case Type:** Illustrative

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Mimi DoGood, Psy.D., complained to a state legislature that prisoners were being subjected to poorly designed, dangerous experimentation procedures in return for three dollars a day. Ironically, the prisoners objected to her intervention by noting that the money was sufficient to keep them supplied with cigarettes, candy, and other small items that made a big difference in the quality of their daily lives.