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Ranking these motives of crime from most to least is subjective and can vary based on different contexts and perspectives. However, based on commonly observed trends and research, the following is one possible ranking:

- Money Financial gain is often cited as the primary motive for many crimes, including theft, fraud, and burglary.
- 2. Revenge The desire to seek revenge for a perceived wrong or injustice is a common motive for crimes such as assault, battery, and murder.
- 3. Political Crimes committed for political motives can include terrorism, espionage, and sabotage.
- 4. Recognition Some criminals commit crimes to gain recognition or notoriety, such as through high-profile thefts or acts of violence.
- 5. Entertainment While relatively uncommon, some individuals may commit crimes for the thrill of excitement, such as through vandalism or arson.
- 6. Boredom Committing crimes due to boredom is relatively rare but can occur, particularly in juveniles who engage in petty crimes such as vandalism or shoplifting.

It's important to note that many crimes have multiple motives and that individual circumstances can greatly impact the motivations behind criminal behavior.