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re·crim·i·nate  (rĭ-křĭm ə-nāt')

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v. re·crim·i·nat·ed, re·crim·i·nat·ing, re·crim·i·nates

v.tr.

To accuse in return.

v.intr.

To counter one accusation with another.

[Medieval Latin *recrĭmĭnārĭ*, *recrĭmĭnāt-* : Latin *re-*, *re-* + Latin *crĭmĭnāre*, to accuse (from *crĭmen*, *crĭmin-*, accusation, crime; see **krei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

re·crim i·na'tive, **re·crim i·na'to'ry** (-nə-tô'r'ē) *adj.*

re·crim i·na'tor *n.*

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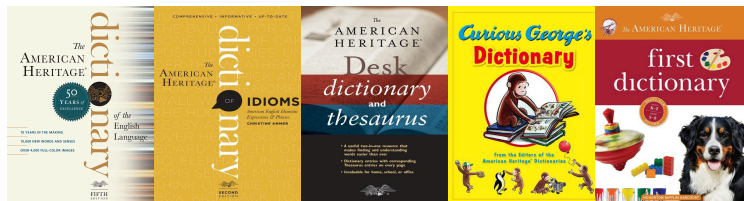
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