

LEVELS OF DENIAL

Denial

Responsibility

I didn't do it.
I wasn't even there.
It's not my fault. In this society, it's they way I have to do to take care of myself.
They make me do it, keep asking me for the stuff.
I was high/drunk - I didn't know what I was doing.

Intent

It just happened. If they don't get it from me, they'll get it from someone else.
I didn't think it would happen, getting in it that deep, but it did.
I didn't want it to happen, but it did.

Harm

I never hurt anyone. If they smoke too much, it's on them.
It never hurt me when I did it (pot that is).
I can't stop another man/woman from doing what they want to do to themselves.
Who am I to tell another man/woman what they can or can't do.

Frequency

I did it a couple of times, but not that many.
I did it only when I needed money.
I did it only as my buyers/customers demanded it.

Intrusiveness

I only sold small quantities. Nobody on my block cared.
I never sold any bad dope.

Fantasy

I sold drugs, but I hate the dope game.
I was rolling in the dope game.
I had hoes everywhere.
I was a player.

Minimization

I only sold small time.
It was only a few rocks/grams/etc...

Admission

I did it.
It's my responsibility.
I did everything, and there are things I did that I didn't mention.
I'm sure I hurt people, though I'm not sure how badly.