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Sex Offenders & Offences

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Course Paper Thesis & Annotated Bibliography

The Department of Corrections currently are troubled with the issue regarding sex offenders in Louisiana. It should be mandated that all sex offenders be placed on a public registry to ensure the safety of Louisiana residents. One criminological theory that can be most plausible to explain why individuals sexually offend is Routine Activities Theory, which involves for crime to be committed, three elements must be present: an available target, a motivated offender, and a lack of guardians, is arguably the most plausible explanation why people sexually offend. Furthermore, effective treatments that can lower the recidivism rates of sexual offenders are vital. In particular, cognitive behavioral interventions and psychotherapy/counseling are the most common and effective form of treatment used with sex offenders

Annotated Bibliography

Pedneault, A., & Beauregard, E. (2014). Routine Activities and Time Use: A Latent Profile Approach to Sexual Offenders' Lifestyles. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research & Treatment (Sage)*, 26(1), 34–57. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1079063212470705>

Pedneault and Beauregard reports on how routine activities play into the lives of sex offenders. The journal goes into providing full background on routine activity theory, providing and explaining data tables and statistics to support their claims. Also reflecting on the issues regarding the topic and the limitations it carries.

Tewksbury, R., Mustaine, E. E., & Stengel, K. M. (2008). Examining Rates of Sexual Offenses from a Routine Activities Perspective. *Victims & Offenders*, 3(1), 75. Retrieved from <http://ezproxy.loyno.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=edb&AN=28462600&site=eds-live&scope=site>

The authors work on a study regarding the rates of sexual offences through the lense of the routine activity theory. They further their research into answering questions like, where sexual offences occur, what factors played into the offense, and people/communities involved. These questions are answered by “using the guiding perspective of routine activities theory.”

Heng Choon (Oliver) Chan, Heide, K. M., & Beauregard, E. (2011). What Propels Sexual Murderers: A Proposed Integrated Theory of Social Learning and Routine Activities Theories. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 55(2), 228. Retrieved from <http://ezproxy.loyno.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=edb&AN=59702433&site=eds-live&scope=site>

In this article based on their experiential research, the authors attempts to answer what motivates sexual murders while intertwining the ideas revolving routine activities theories and the social learning theory. Basing their information off previous studies regarding the same theories, the author summarizes and reflects further on the cases and information.

Jung, S., Allison, M., & Martin, E. (2018). Perspectives of Americans and Canadians on the use and function of sex offender registries. *International Journal of Law, Crime & Justice*, 52, 106–117. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijlcrj.2017.10.003>

This journal provides a thorough examination of the major roles filled the sex offender registry, the history surrounding it, and the differing perspectives on the use and function of it. The author discusses relevant background evidence, various opinions, and non-bias research. The journal includes a number of important statistics and facts.

Mpofu, E., Athanasou, J. A., Rafe, C., & Belshaw, S. H. (2018). Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Efficacy for Reducing Recidivism Rates of Moderate- and High-Risk Sexual Offenders: A Scoping Systematic Literature Review. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 62(1), 170–186. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X16644501>

This journal focuses solely on the use of cognitive behavioral therapy on previous offenders to reduce recidivism rates. Taking an immediate approach on providing sources and statistics regarding how this therapy has affected offenders and whether it's the most effective in comparison to other therapies used.