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Data from an organization that is related to the criminal justice system are much more reliable because they follow every procedure put in place by the government to collect, scrutinize, produce and dispense data. The Bureau of Justice Statistics is an agency that aims at collecting, analyzing and distributing information that is crime-related and operations of justice systems at all government levels. Compared to data that I might have collected; this source is more likely to be trusted because most people tend to give real information depending on who is requesting that specific information (Wormeli, 2018). For example, a person who feels like you are bothering them will end up giving you any type of information whether true or false to get rid of you. It is very important to have a source of data believed to be true than having your unreliable data from untrusted individuals or groups.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics has various types of data. These data include the details of criminal offenders, the people who might be affected in the actions of the crime, different justice systems operations from all government levels, inmates, prisons and prisoners, capital punishment, victims, courts, type of crime committed among others. Other details that may be contained in the bureau include the place and time a crime was committed. This provides details about the crime scene that whenever the investigators want to revisit and do more sampling it is easily identified and dated. Therefore, all these data are necessary if a crime is to be traced back to its occurrence whenever required by the prosecution, prosecuted or even the court itself for further evidence (Wormeli, 2018). Also, the data may assist in tracing a criminal offense that may have been committed by individuals who were pardoned but still may be involved in crime. It helps know the defiant prisoners or individuals who might have been on parole or probation. Besides, all the information and data kept in this bureau are relevant in many different ways.

Therefore, using them compared to using your own collected data is much safer for the public and oneself preventing any exposure of distorted information (Malomo & Sena, 2017).

Several research questions may be related to the kind of data the bureau collects or has collected already. They include:

1. What is the type of crime committed by the offender? Why?
2. Where did the offender commit this crime and at what date and time?
3. Has the offender been involved in any other criminal offense before? If so, what type of crime and how does it relate to this specific one?

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