

Abstract

The main purpose of the study was to gain a better understanding of the underground lottery gamblers . In the other words , the investigator wants to determine the process of becoming the underground lottery gambler with the help of symbolic interactionism perspective and processual model. The research was designed to answer the following research questions : to become and underground lottery gambler,what learning process the person has to experience ? Under what kind of subculture the person interact? What are the condition conducive to underground lottery gambler? As for the research methodology , the investigator resorted to the qualitative method - symbolic interactionism (perspective) or what is called "naturalistic inquiry" participant observation and in -depth interviews was used for collecting data. 11 underground lottery gamblers in Sri-Nakorn district of Nakornsri thamarat province were related for the purpose of collecting data.

The result of the data analysis clearly indicated that, to become the underground lottery gambler,he has experienced three phases of development.

Phase1 "the first step of entering the underground lottery world"

In this phase,a person decided to buy underground lottery . Together with this attitude , social and economic conditions as well as the willingness to win the prize helped to reinforce his willingness to buy underground lottery

Phase2 "the asjustment of the gambler"

The underground lottery gambler asjust himself to the world of underground lottery gamblers. In this phase the conducive condition were the need for social interaction hopeful living ,the strang desire to win and the challenge of the underground lottery. As the novice of the underground lottery gambler was socialized by member of the subculture

Phase 3 "Becoming a professional gambler"

A person become a professional underground lottery gambler. In this phase, the gambler maintains his identity of underground lottery gambler and gets the habit of underground lottery gambling. The gambler attaches positive meaning to underground lottery gambling and he is capable of explaining his gambling to the self and the society.