

Abstract

The thesis titled : The Factors Influencing the Recidivism of Women", has three objectives :

1. To study the factors that cause women to become recidivists;

2. To examine the general conditions of female recidivists;

3. To determine the relationships between variables.

The sample of the study comprised 160 female prisoners. They were : 80 first offenders from Women's Bangkok Prison and 80 female recidivists from various prisons in 12 provinces.

The data were collected by means of questionnaires and the data analysis was performed with the help of Chi-square.

As a result of the analysis, the investigator found that the following factors had significant relationships with recidivism : the age, the level of education, the level respect to religious institution, the level of their respect to the justice procedures, the degree of difficulty in deciding to commit offences, and the level of their acts of violence.

It is noteworthy that the degree of difficulty in deciding to commit offences has greatest influence on recidivism. That was, whenever the women decided to commit offences and managed to do the first time, They would continue doing the second time, the third time, etc. with great ease.