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MONTRI BOONNAK : A CAUSAL ANALYSIS OF RECIDIVISM OF AMPHETAMINE OFFENDERS : A CASE STUDY IN THE CENTRAL CORRECTION INSTITUTION FOR DRUG ADDICTS. THESIS ADVISORS : ASVIN WATANA VIBOOL, B.A., M. A., JUAN CHAISUWAN, B.S., M.S., (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), TANANSAK BORWORNUNTAKUL B.Ed.(English), MA.,M.A.(Anthropology), LL.B., LL.M.(Business Law), Mini LL.M.(Arbitration), Cert. In Environmental Law.135 p . ISBN 974-662-412-1

The objectives of this research are to study the causes of recidivism among amphetamine offenders and the background factors of such groups. Three hundred ninety -one offenders in the Central Correction Institution for Drug Addicts were the target samples for this research. Questionnaires were the tool data collection.

The results of this research pointed out that the majority of these offenders were single with age not more than 30 years and their educational level were not more than Prathom (Secondary level) 6. Their most common career (66.3 percentage) was general service and most report low income, estimated 4,500 baht per month. They resided in negative areas (such as slums) that motivated them into drug addiction.

Such offenders had distant relationships with their families in particular their parents, and concentrated much of their time with friends and had consumed drugs obviously. They also had little knowledge about the negative effects of drug addiction and the criminal punishment. Prisoners who have long been in jail and have bad environment after release are more likely to resume use of amphetamine.

Further study should analyze the cause of distributing amphetamine.