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The objective of this research was to study the factors affecting female juvenile delinquents' offenses against property. The subjects were 205 female juvenile delinquents who were training at the Bangkok, Radchaburi, Nakornsawan and Rayong Juvenile Training Schools which together serve 35 provinces. A questionnaire was used to collect data and the statistics percentage, mean, standard deviation and one way analysis of variance at the .05 level of significance were used to analyse data. The results of the study are summarized as follow:

1. Most of the subjects offended when less than 14 years of age, had education level between grade 1 to grade 6. Most subjects had never been prosecuted, had smoked cigarettes, had drunk alcohol. Most subjects' parents were divorced, and subjects did not stay with parents which caused subjects to feel a lack of parental love and warmth. Subjects also lacked sincere and understanding friends.

2. In terms of personality and emotion most subjects liked simple, physical work in tasks of short duration. Subjects considered themselves to be quiet and calm but emotional. Most subjects said that they offended because of greed, desire for particular valuable items, lack of conscience, and opportunity in terms of time and place.

3. Most subjects were alone when the committed the offense. Generally-subjects stole money during the evening or at night from houses when the owners were not present.

4. The result of testing hypotheses show that subjects are more than 14 years of age, smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, are addicted to drugs, stay alone or stay without adult supervision, learn to offend from newspaper, magazine or friend's accouts, followed fashion and were forced by others. Also the subjects liked competition and gambling and were gamble, brave and hasty. Most of them tend to commit offences against property that are more severe than simply stealing money.