

Thesis Title                      Causes of Offenses against Life and Body among  
Female Inmates of the Women's Correctional  
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### ABSTRACT

The objectives of the study was to find out the characteristics, causes of committing the offenses and identifying ways to prevent and solve the problem of 93 female prisoners who committed these offenses and were inmates of the Women's Correctional Institution of Bangkok Metropolis. The sample was selected by purposive random sampling method. The data was collected by using questionnaire and The Maudsley Personality Inventory (MPI). The results of the study were as follow :

1. Majority of the female prisoners were aged below 30, their education level was primary; they were married. Their monthly salary was more than 3,000 baht. They had lived in rural areas and were familiar with the victims, primarily their husbands. They had no prior criminal record.

2. The major reason for committing the offense was emotion, followed by anger about being looked down upon by their victim. The crime usually occurred in their house, at night and the weapon used was a gun, and the crime usually was not planned in advance.

3. The education level, the personality and the background in committing crime of the offenders were found to be related to their crime. But the relations within their family was not related to their crime.

### Recommendation

Other research studies should provide more information and references in studying the causes of similar cases in all prisons around Thailand.