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The objectives of the study are to find out the characteristics of the female offenders committing violent offences and to study factors related to their committing offences. The population used in this research was 117 female inmates serving their imprisonments in the Central Women's Correctional Institution on charges that involved murder, gang-robbery and robbery. The population was selected by purposive random sampling method. Questionnaires were used to collect data.

The findings of the study are as follow :

1. Most inmates had no prior criminal history. The violent offences they committed mostly involved murder. They committed the offences alone inside their houses or residences at nighttime. Most offences were premeditated and guns or knives were used. The victims were familiar persons or husband.

2. The analysis of the Causality of Violent Offences Committed by the female Offenders leads to the following conclusions:

Causes of committing offenses by female inmates are statistically significantly related to violent offences. The inmates who committed murder were motivated by the desire to take revenge. The reasons for committing gang-robbery were anger and desire for money and property of victims. The reason for committing robbery was the desire for money and property.

3. Age, marital status, people with whom they lived before the arrest, friends' occupation, drinking alcohol and taking addictive drugs, were found to be related to their committing violent offences, while the other factors were not related to their crime.