Abstract

In this paper, the career of male convicted for homicide and its relation to crimes committed previously, under effects of drug consumption or for obtaining drugs is analyzed. The participants were convicts selected randomly from 11 Colombian prisons. Most of the 439 participants were from lower social classes, with low educational levels and poorly qualified jobs. Thirty participants claimed to have committed two or more homicides before; although the most frequent criminal modalities in the past were stealing, causing personal injuries and selling stolen objects. There were found three criminal career patterns: crimes against property, driving offences and violent crimes.

Keywords

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