

Psychiatric evaluation of Egyptian female mentally diseased criminals

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To find the relationship between crime and various mental disorders.

Case control study.

Persons were subjected to:

Demographic data and specific factors related to crimes.

Psychiatric interviews, complete psychiatric examination.

Psychometric assessment for I.Q ,Personality and Adaptation.

Mean age of committing a crime is around 35 year, with more prevalence in rural areas, mostly among married female housewives with low educational level and past history of mental disorder.

Family history of criminality and-or mental disorder with absence of father figure as an added factor.

Wepons used are either sharp instrument or heavy blunt objects.

Victims are usually relatives to patients.(usually husbands).

Causes of crimes were (accidental murder-excitement-anger-vendetta-delusion of persecution or infidelity-with out cause).

Most of patients have intellectual deterioration and social maladjustment.

There is high score for criminality ,neuroticism, lie score, depression traits, impulsivity and mal adaptability scale.

Psychiatric disorders mostly occurring are (schizophrenia-bipolar disordermental subnormality-sociopathy-addiction).

Mental hospital criminals are not more criminals (bad) than prison criminals.

Mental hospital criminals are not more mentally disordered (mad) than patients with no criminal records.