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SUMMARY

The study provided a general orientation of crimes against children in South Africa to buttress the rationale of the research. A concise definition of crime, child, child abuse, sexual child abuse, physical child abuse, victims and perpetrators of sexual crimes against children. The research described the various forms of crimes against children in Gauteng, the causes and explanations. An interpretation of the empirical study was provided in this research. It focussed on the perpetrators and victims of child sex crimes. The types of offenders, the motives and theoretical explanations of their behaviour. The *modus operandi* of the perpetrators found in the empirical study. The various characteristics of victims and perpetrators, the legal processes in the adjudication of child sexual offenders. The research examined some of the prevention strategies of child sexual crimes. Findings of the empirical research are provided.

KEY TERMS:

Crimes against children; Gauteng; Child rapes and indecent assault; Victims; Perpetrators; Characteristics of victims; Characteristics of perpetrators; Theoretical explanation of perpetrators; Theoretical explanation of victims; Effects of sexual crimes against children; *Modus operandi* of perpetrators; Adjudication; Legal processes in South Africa and England; Sentences; Prevention;
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