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SUMMARY

A considerable amount of research has been done regarding the hijacking of passenger vehicles. Little however, has been written on the hijacking of trucks with freight.

The purpose of the research was to describe the nature, occurrence and extent of the hijacking of trucks with freight, the persons involved (this includes the victims and the offenders) and the impact these crimes have on the crime scene in South Africa. The research also aimed to develop a criminological model for prevention, based on the *modus operandi* of the offenders. Based on the theories explaining violent and economic crimes (e.g. anomie, differential association and sub-culture), an attempt was also made to explain the hijacking of trucks with freight.

OPSOMMING

'n Aansienlike hoeveelheid navorsing is al gedoen m.b.t die kaping van passasiers motorvoertuie terwyl daar weinig navorsing gedoen is ten opsigte van die kaping van swaarvragvoertuie en vrag.

Die doel van die navorsing is om die aard, voorkoms en omvang van roof van swaarvragmotorvoertuie met vrag, asook die persone betrokke (sluit die slagoffers en oortreders in) te beskryf en die impak wat hierdie misdaad op die misdaadprentjie in Suid Africa het, te bepaal. Die navorsing het ook gepoog om 'n kriminologiese voorkomings model, wat op die *modus operandi* gegrond is, te ontwikkel.

'n Posing aangewend om die roof van swaarvragmotorvoertuie met vrag te verklaar n.a.v. teorie wat gebaseer is op die verklaring van gewelds en ekonomiese misdade, anomie, differensiele assosiasie en die subkultuurteorie.

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