

Appendix A

Interview schedule

1. Age

Date of birth

How many children in the family

Ordinal position in the family

2. Health as a child

Health as an adult

Substance abuse:

- **Have you abused drugs or alcohol**
- **How old were you when you first started with substance abuse**
- **Who influenced you to start taking drugs or alcohol**
- **Did you consider that substance abuse was wrong**
- **How did taking drugs or alcohol make you feel**
- **For which reason did you continue with your substance abuse**

3. Family and childhood

- **Describe your upbringing in terms of discipline**
- **Can you specify if the discipline was strict or lax, consistent or inconsistent**
- **Describe your relationship with your father**
- **Describe your relationship with your mother**
- **Describe your relationship with your siblings**
- **Are there family members who have committed crime or who are still currently involved in criminal activities**
- **If so, please indicate which crime he/she/they are involved in and how close your contact was with him/her/them**
- **Do your parents abuse drugs or alcohol**
- **Was there any conflict in the home i.e. between parents/step-parents and /or siblings**
- **Did you experience any form of sexual or physical abuse**
- **Describe your socio-economic status**
- **Did you feel deprived of anything (financially) during your childhood and adolescence**

4. School

- **What grade did you pass**
- **Describe your academic capability**
- **Describe your relationship with teachers and peers**
- **Why did you leave school early**
- **Did you not think of the consequences of incomplete schooling**

5. Youth's environment/Community

- **Where were you born and raised**
- **Have you been involved in a gang**
- **What was the name of the gang**
- **Why did you join a gang**
- **Was the gang like a family to you**
- **Which criminal activities was your gang involved in**

6. The criminal act

- **For which crime are you currently serving a sentence**
- **Is this the first crime you have committed**
- **If so, is this the second time in prison**
- **If this is the first time in prison but you had committed crimes prior to the one you are currently incapacitated for, why have you not been punished for the previous crimes**
- **If this is the second time in prison why do you think that you did not learn your lesson from the first crime and subsequent punishment**
- **Did you use a weapon to commit the crime**
- **If so, what type and why did you feel it necessary to carry a weapon with you**
- **Were you under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of committing the crime**
- **If so, what purpose did the drugs or alcohol play in the commission of crime**
- **What motivated you to commit the crime**
- **Did you at any stage consider the consequences to your actions**

7. Aftermath of the crime

- **Do you currently experience any remorse for the crime/s you committed**
- **Do you think that once released from prison you will return to a life of crime**
- **How do you experience life in prison**
- **Is there someone to support you once you are released from prison**
- **What do you think should have been different in your life so that you would not have committed**



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Dear Ms Leita-Maderthaner

Re: PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN PRISON ON "SIGNIFICANT FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY"

It is with pleasure that I wish to inform you that your request to conduct research in the Department of Correctional Services has been approved.


Ms Mahlangu, the Director Corrections, at telephone 012 307 2561 has been appointed as your internal guide. You are requested to contact her before you commence with your research project.

The Area Managers of Leeuwkop (juvenile prison) , Baviaanspoort (Ernthonjeni), Boksburg (juvenile prison) and Johannesburg (juvenile prison) Management Areas will be informed of your pending research project. It will be your responsibility to make arrangements for your visiting times. It is recommended that your identity document and the approval letter be in your possession when visiting the center.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this process, please contact the research unit for assistance at telephone number 012-307 2895.

Your co-operation is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully


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