

Nature and Prevalence of Traffic Robbery Victimization Experience 2015 -2023

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Abstract : Traffic robbery is a social problem in Lagos State that affects commuters and road transport workers. The research discusses the victimization experience and convergence of the offenders and victims, it documents the extent of the crime as captured by various newspapers (Vanguard, Punch, Tribune, Sun and Guardian), and it also interrogates the strategies, methods deployed by traffic robbers. The research analyse about 167 traffic robbery cases as reported by various five newspaper publications in the space of eight years. The paper implored secondary research from newspaper publications, and also content analysis for the research. Routine activity theory was used to explain the phenomenon that exists between the offender and the victim. Dispossessing the victims' phones and other valuables was the common method used by offenders. Consequently, the victims reported that their experience was driven by fear. Findings show June and December have the highest victimisation experience, with Vanguard and Punch having the most reported cases of the incident.

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