

**AN EXAMINATION OF POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG THE YOUTH AS THE CAUSE OF  
CRIME IN KENYA . A CASE OF GITHURAI. KIAMBU COUNTY**

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### ABSTRACT.

This research project is going to focus on the relationship between unemployment and robbery with violence among the youths, a case study of Githurai in Nairobi County. In this study I examined the contribution of unemployment to robbery with violence in Githurai. The specific objective are to investigate the types of crime conducted in Githurai analyze the level of robbery with violence as a result of unemployment among the youths. The scope of the study was to find out the reason why robbery with violence affects the youths in Githurai more than any other group of individuals. The objectives of the research are; To establish the relationship between robbery with violence and unemployment in Githurai, to identify the age group of the community members who mostly engage in the criminal activities, To find out what can be done to limit violent crimes in Githurai, the measures and security strategies, to establish who are the persons who should ensure safety and security in Githurai, residents, the government through law enforcement authority or both. The research project looked at various theories that explained how crime can be motivated by the unemployment and poverty. Dependent and independent variable were developed and analyzed by the researcher. The methods of research study included research design, population target, sampling strategies, data collection instruments, data collection procedure and data analysis. The target population in Githurai was the main source of my information because without such an important element in my study the research project could not be a success. After collection of data from the field I embarked on analyzing the data through frequency tables and pie chart with an aim of making the data understandable and prove my objective of the research study which was to find out how unemployment contributes to robbery with violence taking a case study of Githurai. Lastly the presentation of the research discussion, where I looked at the types of crime conducted in Githurai, the types of other crimes available in Githurai and their linkage with poverty and unemployment as per the analysis of the data and summary of the research study, conclusions and recommendations arrived at.