

**AN INVESTIGATION OF THE FACTORS INFLUENCING THE VICTIMIZATION OF INNOCENT
CITIZENS BY THE POLICE AND IT'S EFFECTS ON THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME. A CASE OF
GITHURAI ESTATE, NAIROBI COUNTY, KENYA**

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ABSTRACT

This research project was set up to investigate the relationship between incidents of civilian victimization and the fight against crime within Githurai Estate. The population included the residents of Githurai estate who had encountered police victimization within a three months period and officers from Kasarani and Kimbo police stations who had worked in the area for a period exceeding three months. The primary data was collected from the field in raw form using questionnaires and interviews. An estimated number of one hundred respondents aged between fifteen to forty years were involved and the findings were analyzed using social statistics while content analysis was done for qualitative data. The Study used qualitative analysis so as to determine the respondents' opinion, views and ideas concerning the victimization and its effect on the fight against crime. This information will be useful to planners in the Criminal Justice System of Kenya, academic researchers, Non-Governmental Organizations, and other people working with the community in the fight against crime. The information will also be a useful input in the on-going police reforms drive in the country.