

ABSTRACT

A Crime Victim Survey of St. James 1992-1994:
Understanding the Hidden Dimensions
of Crime.

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This thesis is directed to the conduct of a crime victim survey in an urban area within the city of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. It is a pinpointed crime victim survey of the St. James area for the years 1992-1994. The thesis discusses the definition of crime and the use of crime victim surveys in sociology. It identifies and compares the demographic characteristics of the victims' of crime in St. James to the British and American experience. It also notes in detail the experiences of these victims. The thesis also notes the characteristics of the offenders who were seen and the effects that crimes have had on the victim. It concludes with a discussion of life in St. James, possible reasons for crime and the potential solutions to the crime problem.