


MEMORANDUM

To: Mr Stuart Macintyre  
     Faculty of Education

GRiffith University

From: Ethics  
     Sub-Committee for Experimentation on Humans

File: 94/0512  
Date: 22 February 1994

Subject: Ethical Approval of Research Protocol

1.0 I refer to your request for ethical approval of the research protocol entitled: Taking and Drugs: An Exploration of Decision Making and Ecological Theories Applied to Drug and Non-Drug Dependent Burglars. The Ethics Committee for Experimentation on Humans approved this project. The University Human Ethics Committee Register number which relates to this project is (EDN/01/94/hec). Could you please quote this number when corresponding with me about this project.

2.0 Approval for this project is for the period 17 February 1995 to the 28 February 1998.

3.0 Would you please note that the following standard conditions apply:

   • Variation to Project

   Approval is strictly limited to the research proposal as submitted in your application. Consequently, any variations or modifications you might wish to make to your project must be put before the Committee for further consideration and approval. If the proposed changes are significant, you will need to submit a new application for approval of the revised project.

   • Progress Report

   You are required to submit a progress report to the Committee annually, a proforma for this report is attached. Failure to submit this report at the end of the year will mean approval for this project will lapse. You are also required to lodge a final report with the Committee at the conclusion of your project.

   • Continuation of Project

   Please advise the Committee if this project does not proceed (on the grounds of insufficient funding, for example).

4.0 Should you have any queries in relation to this approval or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on extension 7931.

Thank you.

Donna Hannan  
Office for Research
17 May, 1995

Mr. Stuart Macintyre  
Ph.D. Student  
1/84 Saint Andrews Street  
KURABY Qld. 4112

Dear Mr. Macintyre,

Re: Research Proposal 9507: "Taking and Drugs: An Exploration of Decision Making and Ecological Theories Applied to Drug and Non-Drug Dependent Burglars"

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the documentation on the above research proposal. At its meeting of the 27/4/95 the South Coast Regional Health Authority Ethics Committee met to consider your research proposal. The Committee reviewed the protocol and recommended that the proposal be approved. This has subsequently been ratified by the South Coast Regional Health Authority.

The Committee considered that it would not be necessary for you to go to the expense of having to film videoed in Northern Queensland, as long as properties were not identified in the videos.

As part of its role in monitoring research, the South Coast Regional Health Authority Ethics Committee would like a report in twelve months time regarding the progress of this project.

I wish you well with your project,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Brian Bell,  
Medical Superintendent
Mr S Macintyre  
School of Justice Administration  
Faculty of Education  
Griffith University  
Mt Gravatt Campus  
MT GRAVATT QLD 4121

Dear Mr Macintyre

RE: RESEARCH PROTOCOL: 41/95  
"Taking and Drugs: An Exploration of Decision Making and Ecological Theories Applied to Drug and Non-Drug-Dependent Burglars"

At the meeting of the Princess Alexandra Hospital Research Ethics Committee held on 2 May 1995, the committee approved the above protocol. This Committee is constituted and operates in accordance with current NHMRC Guidelines.

If any substantial change is made to the protocol, this will need to be approved by the Committee. The Committee must also be informed of any problems that arise during the course of the project which may have ethical implications.

A NHMRC requirement is that all projects be reviewed annually. Accordingly, a short questionnaire will be sent to you every 12 months after initial approval and your assistance in completing and returning this promptly would be appreciated.

When the study involves patient contact, it is your responsibility as the principal investigator to notify the relevant consultant and request their approval.

A copy of this letter should be presented when required as official confirmation of the approval of the PAH Research Ethics Committee.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

W J S Barnes  
Chief Executive Officer  
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL AND NORTH WESTERN SECTOR
GW: AMP
August 29, 1995

Mr S Macintyre
School of Justice
Faculty of Education
GRiffith University Q 4121

Dear Mr Macintyre

RE: PROTOCOL 95/58 "TAKING & DRUGS"

It is advised that on the recommendation of the Research Ethics Committee, the Medical Superintendent, Royal Brisbane Hospital has approved your request provided the concerns of the Committee as advised hereunder are addressed.

Secondly, where an information sheet or consent form are required for participants these have also been viewed and approved for the abovementioned trial.

All investigations must be carried out according to the "Declaration of Helsinki 1976" as subsequently modified and the latest statement by the National Health and Medical Research Council on Human Experiments and on Scientific Practice. Should a copy of the 'Declaration of Helsinki 1976' as subsequently modified be required, please request a copy from the Secretary, Research Ethics Committee.

Attachment I is a letter listing some matters specified by the National Health and Medical Research Council to which you as the research worker must adhere.

Attachment II gives the Committee composition with speciality and affiliation with the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

You are required to provide a report on any pilot study and the outcome of the study at the completion of the trial or annually if the trial continues for more than 12 months.

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If the results of your project are to be published, an appropriate acknowledgment of the Hospital should be contained in the article. Copies of all publications resulting from the study should be submitted to the Medical Superintendent.

'Please ensure that a copy of any publication that results from this project is forwarded to the Herston Medical Library for future reference'.

You are required to sign the duplicate copy attached of this approval stating that you will follow all the conditions of this approval and return same to the Secretary, Research Ethics Committee, Royal Brisbane Hospital.

Should you have any problems, please liaise directly with the Chairman of the Research Ethics Committee, Dr J F Lee, early in your program.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

for GENERAL MANAGER
ROYAL BRISBANE HOSPITAL
Our Ref: 1/180/53/20

24 August 1995

Mr Stuart Macintyre
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KURABY QLD 4112

Dear Mr Macintyre

RE: RESEARCH APPLICATION

Thank you for your application to the Research Committee of the Queensland Corrective Services requesting access to interview prisoners to aid in your research.

I am pleased to inform you that approval is given subject to a number of conditions:

- The Research Committee felt that you need to be clear with the terminology you are using particularly the term ‘burglary’. The definition of Burglary in Queensland is “entry of a dwelling between the hours of 9pm and 6am with intent to commit an offence [that offence need not be theft]”. It was felt by the committee that you were probably referring to the offence of ‘Break and Enter’, and ask that you be sure to clarify this in your research. It may be that you are concerned with both categories of offence, if so caution needs to be applied to only include burglary that involves larceny.

- The Committee requests that you submit a brief (3 or 4 pages) progress report at the conclusion of the data collection phase of your project.

- That appropriate and agreed access can be arranged with the appropriate personnel at Correctional Centres you wish to access.

You are asked to contact Steve Seaton, Senior Adviser, Research (phone 227 7463) concerning access to centres and for any further queries. I wish you well with your research.

Yours sincerely

PETER RULE
Research Committee Chairperson
Appendix 6: Questions asked of subjects during interviews.

1. Give me a short history of your life so far
2. How did you get started in break and enter?
3. How did you first decide ‘Yes I will burgle’ how did you way up all the factors and come to such a decision?
4. How long have you been active?
5. What was your rate of break and enter over this time?
6. Has this rate changed? If yes why?
7. Since you began methadone treatment has the rate declined, increased, unchanged?
8. Have you been employed over this time? Did it affect your offending in any way?
9. When you have been apprehended and put through the various levels of the CJS what effect has this had on you and your career?
10. If you made $1,000 from a break and enter, what would you typically spend the money on?
11. Do or did you take legal and non legal drugs. If yes which?
12. How much of each drug do you take in an average week?
13. How did you start taking drugs? (question asked in reference to every drug named in answer to question 11)
14. Do you think drugs help or hinder you?
15. Why do you take (insert every drug named in answer to question 11)?
16. Why do you think other people ‘do drugs’?
17. Do you have any trouble buying drugs?
18. If you wanted (insert each drug named in answer to question 11) how long would it take?
19. Have any of your friends got really messed up on drugs?
20. What drugs will you never take?
21. What drugs have you tried but not continued taking?
22. If you could get all your illegal drugs for free would you stop doing burglaries?
23. Do you take legal or non legal drugs before committing a break and enter? If ‘yes’, which drug and why?
24. Think back to a typical break and enter you have carried out. Describe why you select one target over another.
25. Think about all the targets you dismiss: what are the main reasons for non selection and how do you determine and assess the validity of them?
26. The targets you do select, what are the main reasons for selection and how do you determine and assess the validity of them?
27. What targets do you like/ dislike? Why?
28. Have you ever gone against these criteria you have just outlined, for example have you burgled a target that you identified as high risk? What were the reasons for making such an exception?
29. Did you ever worry about being caught?
30. Have you been caught?
31. If yes, How many times and how did it happen and what did you learn from the experience?
32. Did you ever break and enter to contract? Details? Proportion?
33. When you were young (novice) compared to older (experienced), how did you improve or change, did you streamline, if yes in what way?
If not mentioned in the previous questions ask their assessment of the deterrence value of the following from 0 to 10 and why they give it such a score?

- type of area eg: suburbs. Are some low risk and some high risk?
- age of target
- type of target: flat, house, unit, car, factory, shop
- neighbours
- children in the street
- alarms
- different locks
- security screens
- fences
- lights on inside
- hear radio or TV on inside
- bin days no bin out
- large dogs
- small dogs
- lots of trees and bushes
- car in the drive
- street layout
- traffic level
- location of target
- lots of mail in mail box
- design of target
- garages and carports

When do you operate in relation to time of day?

How far do you typically operate in relation to your own address?

Do you operate alone or with others? What is the difference? Which do you prefer and why?

How do you typically market stolen goods? Are some goods marketed in different ways to others?

Estimate how many burglaries have you committed?

How many burglaries have you been accused and taken to court over?

Are your burglaries on the whole well planned, spur of the moment? if both or a range what would the percentage be? Even if spur of the moment would you still conduct minimal reconnaissence if so what?

The following three questions are asked three times in relation to the last three burglaries committed by the subject.

- Was the target selected before the decision to burgle or during the act?
- How is the target selected?
- Retrace the route you took to select your target (as the subject does this they will be asked why they do not like or like certain environmental cues no prompting will be used)

If the subject has identified himself or herself as a drug taker ask if they have ever gone without for a while and what it was like?
Appendix 7: Standard opening address schedule

OPENING ADDRESS SCHEDULE

I am Stuart from Griffith University. I am conducting a study into drug taking and break and enter. The purpose of this interview is to collect data relating to drug taking and burglary for a report I will write on the subject.

To ensure complete confidentiality I will present you with a list of names and you can choose one. If you consent to the interview I will refer to you by this name. During the interview could you endeavour to use false names for people and places, so that I can not identify any persons or locations during the interview. Everything you say to me will be taped. The tape will be transcribed. During transcription any real names you use will be changed to ensure confidentiality. The tape will be destroyed.

If at any time you wish to stop the interview to have a short break just let me know. If there are any questions you do not wish to answer just tell me and I will ask another.

Do you wish to take part in an interview?

If YES.

1. Present subject with list of pseudonyms and ask subject to select a name.

2. Consent form. Read through each section slowly and make sure the subject understands before asking for the (pseudonym) signature.
Appendix 8: Consent form

STANDARD CONSENT FORM

1. I consent to participate in the research project titled ‘TAKING & DRUGS’. Being conducted by a PhD student from the School of Justice Administration at Griffith University.

2. I acknowledge that I have been informed of the purpose of this research.

3. I understand that the information that I supply during the interview sessions will be used in the compilation of a report on aspects of drug use and burglary. The researcher will ensure confidentiality. The information I give and any personal or identifying details will be altered to ensure confidentiality.

4. I understand that my participation in this study is voluntary and if I wish to withdraw from this study at any time I am free to do so.

Signature ________________________________ Date / / 

Witness ________________________________ Date / /
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Appendix 10: Calculations utilising the coefficients estimated for the final model for case study 1 to produce Figure 26.

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Attachment 1: Diskette containing case study 1

Instructions

Insert diskette in A Drive.
Double click on item “break&enter.htm”.
Refresh similar to a web page by deleting ‘history’.
Colours will only match with Netscape® Communicator™ v4.04. Use of other Internet software may cause text colours to alter.