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05.07.01 An Exploratory Analysis of Trends in Crime Related to Nursing Homes in Oklahoma over the Past 30 Years

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With the increase in life expectancy our society is facing a critical issue of providing the care needed for the aging population. Major societal changes that have taken place since the late 70's have left members of American society with a problem that if looked upon by other cultures that problem would not exist as it does here. The tradition of taking care of the elders within the family has been present for decades amongst more traditional cultures. However, with the culture that persists today in America factors such as the availability of the family, the needed finances, and help are not present as they should be. Instead institutions have been set in place to provide that needed care. However, the problem is these institutions are not providing the quality- let alone humane- care these individuals need. This research will uncover trends in crimes in nursing homes throughout Oklahoma over the past 30 years. The crimes being studied include conventional and white collar crimes. In addition, this research will provide awareness of the need to address the corruption and lack of proper care given to elders in nursing homes throughout Oklahoma, along with solutions on how to solve these problems.