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SUMMARY: These data examine the attraction of shoplifting and vandalism to nonprofessional offenders. The data consists of actual autobiographical accounts of offenses committed by undergraduates enrolled in three sections of undergraduate criminology classes at the University of California, Los Angeles. Verbatim answers of the respondents are presented. CLASS III

UNIVERSE: Undergraduate university students in the United States.

SAMPLING: The sample consisted of 250 students in three offerings of an undergraduate criminology class.

NOTE: For reasons of confidentiality names have been blanked from the data and replaced with spaces. Profanity has also been blanked and replaced with spaces. The number of records per case in this file varies depending on the length of statement given by each respondent.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 1 data file

DATA FORMAT: Card Image

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 122

Variables: 2

Record Length: 80

Records Per Case: 9-70

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