



## **A Study of Multiple Causes of Recidivism among Youth Offenders at Thohoyandou Female/Juvenile Correctional Centre in the Vhembe District, Limpopo Province, South Africa**

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**ABSTRACT** Many of the juveniles in custody often must return to prison as re-offenders, or because of parole or correctional supervision conditions that have been broken. Furthermore, some youth come from dysfunctional families that also provide fertile ground for acts of criminality. The aim of this paper was to explore factors that influence offenders to re-offend at Thohoyandou Correctional Centre within the Female/Juvenile place found in the Vhembe District. The paper investigated recidivism among youth offenders in the Female/Juvenile Correctional Centre at Vhembe District. It focuses on finding out and identifying some of the problems relating to recidivism. The sample consisted of juvenile offenders incarcerated. Male and female juveniles participated in the study. Qualitative research design was used to collect data. Data were collected through interviews. Data were analyzed thematically. The paper revealed that there are pull factors in society that influence youth to offend and re-offend. This paper recommends that rehabilitation of offenders should not be prison-based only but should also focus on addressing communities where offenders come from. It also recommends that the Department must conduct road shows within the communities pertaining to the services they render.