APPENDIX C

Questionnaire

Please Specify Your Gender (M-Male, F-Female): ___

This questionnaire is designed as part of a study to help determine individual responses to a variety of situations involving different offences.

For each scenario there will be one woman (the victim), and one man mentioned. The woman and man will be the same for each scenario. Their descriptions are noted below:

Woman (victim):
  ⋅ Age 20
  ⋅ Average build

Man:
  ⋅ Age 30

Read each scenario and answer the questions that follow by circling your response. Answer each question to your best ability, and answer “Not sure” where applicable. Please, no comments.

For clarification, some definitions are listed below:

Definitions:

Arson: the malicious burning of another's house or property

Sexual Assault: illegal sexual contact that usually involves force upon a person without consent or is inflicted upon a person who is incapable of giving consent

Theft: the act of stealing; the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods or property of another; larceny.

Threat: a declaration of an intention or determination to inflict punishment, injury, etc., in retaliation for, or conditionally upon, some action or course;

_________________________________________________________________________________

1. A woman approaches her car in a parking lot. When she gets to her car, a man walks up to her and says he will kill her if she doesn’t do what he says. The man then demands she give her car keys to him. The woman gives the man her car keys, and he drives away in her car. Because of this incident, the man is arrested the following day for Theft and Uttering Threats. The woman is physically unharmed.

How likely do you think the man is to commit another similar offence once he is released?
A. Not at all likely
B. Not likely
C. Not sure
D. Likely
E. Very likely
How safe would you feel if this scenario happened within a 1 km radius of where you live?
A. Not safe at all
B. Not safe
C. Not sure
D. Safe
E. No change

If the man was someone you knew, how would your level of trust toward others be changed?
A. No trust toward others
B. Less trust toward others
C. Not sure
D. No change

How many years do you think the man should be sentenced in a penitentiary?
A. 0
B. 2
C. 5
D. 10
E. 20
F. Life imprisonment
G. Not sure

Do you think treatment programs designed to change the man’s behaviour will be effective?
A. Not effective at all
B. Somewhat effective
C. Very effective
D. Not sure

How much long lasting psychological injury (trauma) do you think the victim has suffered as a result of the incident?
A. None
B. Very little
C. Moderate
D. Very much
E. Not sure

2. A woman approaches her car in a parking lot. When she gets to her car, a man walks up to her and tells her to go away. He begins to pour gasoline on her car and ignites the gasoline with a lit match. Because of this incident, the man is arrested the following day for Arson. The woman is physically unharmed.

3. A woman approaches her car in a parking lot. When she gets to her car, a man walks up to her and begins to ask her for directions. While she is explaining the directions, he pushes her into the car and sexually assaults her, without a weapon. After the assault, he tells her that he will kill her if she tells anybody about the sexual assault. Because of this incident, the man is arrested the following day for Sexual Assault and Uttering Threats. The woman is physically harmed.

4. A woman approaches her car in a parking lot. When she gets to her car, a man walks up to her and demands she give her car keys to him. The woman gives the man her car keys, and he drives away in her car. Because of this incident, the man is arrested the following day for Theft. The woman is physically unharmed.

5. A woman approaches her car in a parking lot. When she gets to her car, a man walks up to her and begins to ask her for directions. While she is explaining the directions, he pushes her into the car and sexually assaults her, without a weapon. Because of this incident, the man is arrested the following day for Sexual Assault. The woman is physically harmed.
6. A woman approaches her car in a parking lot. When she gets to her car, a man walks up to her and tells her to go away or he will kill her. He begins to pour gasoline on her car and ignites the gasoline with a lit match. Because of this incident, the man is arrested the following day for Arson and Uttering Threats. The woman is physically unharmed.