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Elderly Criminals - A Model for Analysis of Types of Crimes 高齢者犯罪-犯罪タイプ分析モデル

The idea of elderly people committing crime is often received first with curiosity and then skepticism. The term "criminal" conjures up an image of irresponsibility, self-indulgence, interpersonal intrusiveness, and a pattern of social rule-breaking. While news stories about Elderly Abuse are well-documented, Elderly Crime is less well known. This paper describes the prevalence of elderly crime and explains the dominant patterns and trends of such crime in the United States. A brief comparison has also been made of the crime statistics of Canada and Japan. It is important for society to recognize that the phenomenon of elderly crime exists and that it can happen to someone known to us. Elderly crime may in fact be symptomatic of a larger and more complex underlying issue within our society in dealing with the specific needs of the aged.

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