

Friend - Contact with Police/Court System

Year 19

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Instrument

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I. Survey Description

The Friend Contact with Police/Court System is a 29-item instrument designed to measure the respondent's friend reporting with regard to relations with police and courts. The friend is asked about the Fast Track respondent's relation with police and/or court system to probe from traffic violations to felonies. The questionnaire is an adaptation of the original measure designed by Huizinga which contained 41 items (Denver Youth Survey). The measure "Contact with Police" was used for years 8, 9, 11, and 12. The current measure Friend Contact with Police/Court System was first added to the Fast Track Protocol in study year 19, for the peer sample.

The participant reports the TC (Target Child – original Fast Track participant) charges and arrest history and answers detailed questions regarding up to three arrests in the previous year. Contact with Police/Court System asks the TC's friend for the occurrence of traffic violations, misdemeanor offenses and felonies. The instrument did not work correctly in asserting charges. The user will find responses for questions which should have been skipped. Also open responses were collected when the respondent asserted "other charges". The user is encouraged to examine these in order to complete data corresponding to charges, convictions and court actions.

II. Report Sample

These analyses were conducted on peers of the first cohort on the high-risk Control sample (n = 96) and the Normative sample (n = 195) for the nineteenth year of the study. The distribution of respondents by site was as follows: for the Control sample, 20 were from Durham, 20 were from Nashville, 28 were from Pennsylvania and 19 were from Washington. For the Normative sample, 56 were from Durham, 44 were from Nashville, 58 were from Pennsylvania and 37 were from Washington.

III. Frequency Tables

The following tables show frequencies for variables asked in logical order. For Misdemeanor and Felonies, the friend of the TC is asked sequentially for the first, second and third charges. This report only displays frequencies for the first charge.

Traffic Violations, Misdemeanor and Felonies

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Has your friend ever been FINED for: reckless driving?		
.	1	2
Yes	4	3
No	91	188
I prefer not to answer	.	2
Has your friend ever been FINED for: driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI)?		
.	1	1
Yes	4	4
No	91	190
Has your friend ever been FINED for: a moving violation (i.e. speeding)?		
.	1	3
Yes	21	32
No	74	159
I prefer not to answer	.	1

During the LAST 12 MONTHS, has your peer ever been arrested and charged with a MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY OFFENSE? If the answer is "No", indicate here and then skip to the next page.		
.	.	1
Yes--misdemeanor only	9	14
Yes--felony only	5	1
Yes--both misdemeanor and felony	3	3
No	76	168
I prefer not to answer	3	8
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #1-Name of charge		
	79	175
1st Deg Assault	1	.
Altercation with his girlfriend	1	.
Assault on Female	1	.
Breaking and Entering	.	1
Carnal Abuse	.	1
DUI	1	1
Driving License Suspension	.	1
Driving on Suspended License	.	1
Driving under susp	1	.
Driving without a license	1	.
Drug Paraphenalia	.	1
Drugs	.	1
Drugs Selling	.	1
Expired Tabs	.	1
Larceny	1	.
Public Intoxication	.	1
Speeding	1	.
Stolen Vihc	.	1
UNK	1	.
assault in second degree	1	.
domestic violence	.	1
driving on suspended	.	1

driving without license	1	.
Dui	.	1
harrassment and stalking	1	.
Larceny	.	1
misdemeanor larceny	.	1
not sure	1	.
pos of a Controled substance.	1	.
Possession	.	1
possession of cannabis	1	.
possession of cocaine	.	1
public drunkenness	1	.
set a car on fire/totaled the car	1	.
Speeding	.	1
yes but doesn't know	.	1
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #1-Was it a misdemeanor or felony?		
.	78	177
Yes	12	14
No	6	4
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #1-Was he/she convicted?		
.	78	173
Yes	8	9
No	10	13

For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #1-What was the court action taken?		
.	82	178
Ordered to pay damages or a fine	4	6
Sent to a pre-court diversion program	1	1
Court appearance (nothing more, as of yet)	1	3
Probation	1	2
Sent to a correctional facility	3	4
Sentenced to public service	2	.
Other	2	1
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #1-If answered "Other" for court action, enter the court action:		
	92	193
Dismissed	1	.
Fine, 4 day jail term, probation, counseling	1	.
Pending	1	.
Probation	1	.
Still in Process	.	1
Warning	.	1
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #2-Name of charge		
	90	194
4th Deg Assault	1	.
Failed to Register as a sex offender	.	1
UNK	1	.
driving while license suspended	1	.
hit and run	1	.
possession of gun no license	1	.
violation of probation	1	.

For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #2-Was it a misdemeanor or felony?		
.	90	194
Misdemeanor	4	.
Felony	2	1
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #2-Was he/she convicted?		
.	88	191
Yes	3	1
No	5	3
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #2-What was the court action taken?		
.	92	194
Ordered to pay damages or a fine	1	.
Probation	2	.
Sent to a correctional facility	1	1
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #2-If answered "Other" for court action, enter the court action:		
	94	195
Pending	1	.
not sure if felony or misdemeanor	1	.
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #3-Name of charge		
	95	195
Malicious Domestic Violence	1	.
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #3-Was it a misdemeanor or felony?		
.	95	195
Misdemeanor	1	.

For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #3-Was he/she convicted?		
.	92	192
Yes	1	.
No	3	3
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #3-What was the court action taken?		
.	96	195
For each charge in the last 12 months, indicate name of charge, type, whether your peer was convicted, and what court action was taken.-Charge #3-If answered "Other" for court action, enter the court action:		
	95	195
Pending	1	.

IV. Recommendations for Use

The tables shown above display frequencies for a selected group of variables, the user is encouraged to test association between items and sample group. Most cells have very low count or missing values. The user is encouraged to use an appropriate method to test association. The user must be aware that the logical skips did not work correctly. Some tables report more cases than logically established when misdemeanor and felonies are computed.