SUMMARY

Personality characteristics of rapists were studied in 45 rapists from three prisons. All rapists were between 16 - 60 years old. The result of this study was classified into the following issues:

General background information;
Many rapists were in the range of early adulthood (21 - 40 years old). They came from the big family (5 - 6 siblings) with alive parents. Many rapists were brought up by parents before they reached 10 years of ages. Their occupations and economics status were in accordance with their educational level, which the majority of them studied only elementary school (p.1 - 4). Many rapists were single and they used to commit other crimes and other sexual offences before.

Intelligence;
Rapists' intelligence was in the same level of indecent assaulter group, which were Borderline and Average.

Judgement;
Both rapist and indecent assaulter groups had fair judgement, but rapists' judgement proned to be poorer than indecent assaulter group.

Sexuality;
Rapists committed rape owing to their sexual conflicts such as they felt unsatisfied with their sexual pleasure, disappointed in sexuality while indecent assaulter group acted indecent because of their sexual expression and their poor sexual impulsive control (inability to control their sexual desire). A few of rapists had sadistic trend.

Personality characteristics;
Personality type of rapist group in three prisons studied by MMPI Clinical scales, was not different from indecent assaulter group (by t-test significance). Their personality types were
F, Sc and/or 8 - 6 personality code type. These two types of personality were diagnosed as Paranoid Schizophrenia. Person who was diagnosed paranoid schizophrenia, would have long life pattern of maladjusted behaviors, couldn't accept any discipline, low job level, had a history of crimes since he was in the early teen-age, poor social intelligence, anxious, depress, suspiciousness and degrade women.

Psychopathologic symptoms;

There were no differences of rapists' personality characteristics and indecent assaulters' personality characteristics. So the psychopathologic symptoms of these two groups were not different too. Their psychopathologic symptoms were personality pattern disturbances in the cluster of Paranoid Disorders (paranoid schizophrenia and paranoid personality type). Causes of these paranoid disorders might be one of these:

1. Psychological factors
   1.1 underlying internal conflict of homosexuality
   1.2 lack of basic trust
   1.3 broken home

2. Other factors: such as early patterns of object relations, familial interactive style and culture.
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