

CRIMINAL JUSTICE and **COLLEGE STUDENTS**



WHO LET THE DOGS OUT? (PREDICTORS OF MINOR THEFT VICTIMIZATION)

Researchers Elizabeth Mustaine and Richard Tewksbury surveyed roughly 1,500 college students to identify predictors of minor theft. Dogs, in particular, were among those factors that reduced the likelihood of victimization for college students. Mustaine and Tewksbury note that students living in off-campus housing would rarely purchase security measures

such as locks, exterior lights, or security systems on their own for rental units. Do you own a dog? If so, did you get your pet in order to feel safer or for another reason? List three things that make dogs useful as a security strategy. Compare your answers with what your classmates said.