

Exhibit 2.4**Examples of Hypotheses**

<i>Original Hypothesis</i>	<i>Independent Variable</i>	<i>Dependent Variable</i>	<i>If-Then Hypothesis</i>
1. The greater the social disorganization in a community, the higher the rate of crime.	Social disorganization	Crime rate	If social disorganization is higher, then the crime rate is higher.
2. As one's self-control gets stronger, the fewer delinquent acts one commits.	Self-control	Self-reported delinquency	If self-control is higher, then the number of delinquent acts is lower.
3. As the unemployment rate in a community decreases, the community rate of property crime decreases.	Unemployment rate	Rate of property crime	If the unemployment rate is lower, then the rate of property crime is lower.
4. As the level of discrepancy between one's aspirations and expectations increases, one's level of strain increases.	Discrepancy level between one's aspirations and expectations	Level of strain	If the level of discrepancy between one's aspirations and expectations is high, then the level of strain is high.
5. Crime is lower in those communities where the police patrol on foot.	Presence of foot patrols	Level of crime	If a community has police foot patrols, then the level of crime is lower.