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## Title: Geriatric Crime and Deviance

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### **Proposal**

The phenomenon of crime and deviance among older adults remains an understudied area within criminology and sociology. While much research has focused on juvenile delinquency and adult criminal behavior, relatively little attention has been paid to the increasing number of older adults involved in crime—both as offenders and victims. This special issue seeks to address this gap by exploring the motivations, contexts, and consequences of geriatric crime and deviance. The issue will examine a range of behaviors, from minor acts of deviance to serious criminal offenses, and consider how aging-related factors such as cognitive decline, financial insecurity, social isolation, and health conditions contribute to these behaviors.

### **Scope and Themes:**

This special issue invites theoretical and empirical contributions that explore geriatric crime and deviance from diverse perspectives. Suggested topics include but are not limited to:

- Patterns and trends in criminal behavior among older adults
- The role of social bonds, strain, and learning theories in explaining elderly crime
- Financial crimes involving older adults (e.g., fraud, elder abuse, scams)
- Deviant subcultures and aging populations
- Prison populations and the challenges of aging inmates
- The impact of mental health and cognitive decline on criminal behavior
- Media representations of elderly offenders
- Policy and legal responses to geriatric crime and deviance

### **Significance:**

With the global population aging at an unprecedented rate, understanding crime and deviance among older adults is critical for criminological and sociological scholarship, as well as for policymakers and practitioners. This special issue aims to bring together interdisciplinary perspectives to foster a more comprehensive understanding of geriatric crime and deviance, ultimately contributing to more informed policy interventions and criminal justice practices.

### **Timeline:**

Call for papers: April 1, 2025

Submission deadline: October 1, 2025

Peer review and revisions: January 1, 2026

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I appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology* as a guest editor.

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