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**RESTATEMENT OF PROBLEM**

This grant helped to fund my attendance to the Pacific Sociological Association's annual meeting in Seattle, Washington.

**REVIEW OF THE WORK / PROCEDURE**

I presented research entitled "The Structural Ritualization of Mass Homicide: An Analysis of the Ronald Gene Simmons Murders." Attending the conference enhanced my understanding of current research trends in homicide-based research circles. It also allowed me to expose my scholarship to sociologists and criminologists with solid backgrounds in the field of homicide study.

**OUTCOMES**

I attended the conference and presented my research. Specifically, I met with many other scholars carrying out research on crime-related topics. Those contacts and our detailed discussions will allow me to fine-tune the paper and subsequently send it to a peer-reviewed journal for possible publication.

**CONCLUSIONS**

This grant allowed me to attend a conference and make beneficial contacts in the field I might not have been able to make without extra funding. It also exposed me to a variety of topics and scholars I was previously unfamiliar with. I plan to use some of the information gathered from sessions I attended in several of the classes I am responsible for teaching. I also plan to apply for similar grants in the future in order to aid my scholarship and teaching.

*\*Note:* I attached a copy of the paper presented to this report. If you need any other information regarding the use of this grant, please do not hesitate to ask me for it.