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Dear, editor-in-chief

**Cover Letter**

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I wish to submit an original research article entitled ‘Driving Factors of Increased Crime Rates: A Multi-factorial Comprehensive Investigation in the Case of South Gondar Zone Selected Districts, Ethiopia ' for consideration by the International Journal of Law and Society. I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

* Submission date: 24/07/2025
* The research objective:

Specifically, the study intends to achieve the following goals:

To explore the existing crime state in the Debre Tabor, Addis Zemen, and Fogera districts.

To investigate the major factors leading to an increased crime rate in the districts.

* Brief overview of the methodology used
* This study utilized an explanatory and descriptive cross-sectional design, allowing for the construction of ideas based on the participants' experiences and points of view
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