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### ABSTRACT

*“ignorantia legis neminem excusat”* ignorance of law is not an excuse is a legal principle which emphasize the fact that a person who is unaware of law may not escaped. Hence it is evident to ensure that all should be educated in law. Accordingly it is doubtful that whether the people commit crimes due to unaware of law or not. Therefore this research tends to find out a proper solution for that problem. Researcher distributed questionnaire to gather in Likert scale and further conducted interviews with high officials in the Sri Lanka Navy as methods to gather information. Basically this research adopts mixed method approach and most of the findings were based on quantitative data analyzing method. Primary objective of this research was to identify the factors influenced to sailors to commit offences and secondary objectives are to understand the factors effecting to neglect Naval Law by sailors and to identify factors effecting to sailors for grasping knowledge on Navy Act. During the analysis it was found that weak relationship exists between the independent variables and dependent variable. For future study can be recommended with same areas to cover with sample of all convicted sailors to find relations among same variables.

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