

Resistance to crime

Storied Selves in 'not doing crime'

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Why this research?

1. Relative under-representation of narrative lifestory research within criminology
2. Focus on: persons engaged in crime or those who stopped a career in crime.

‘Criminologist should not only be focussed on the question why do people commit crime, but also on the question why people do NOT commit crime’

(Birkbeck & Lafree, 1993)



Central question (pilotstudy)

“Many persons within the so-called causal categories do not commit crime.”
(Katz, 1988)

“Unmarked ground”

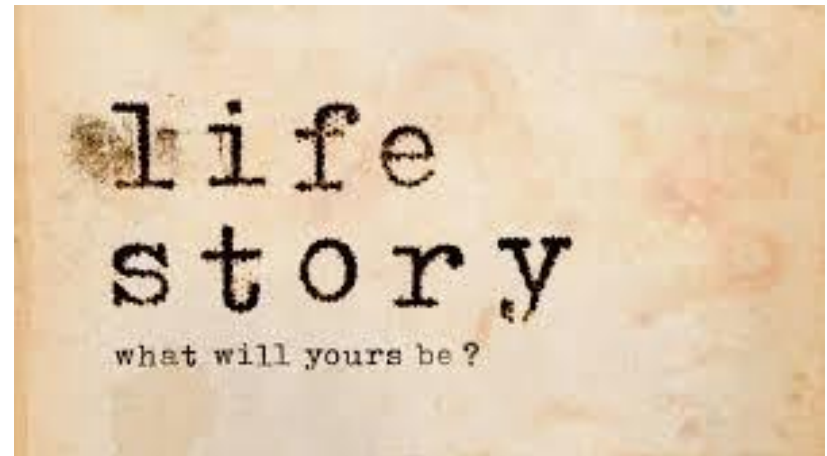
‘Marked ground’ (Mullaney, 2006)

Which themes and what storyline(s) dominate lifestories of resisters regarding resistance to crime?

Method – General

Narrative lifestory research

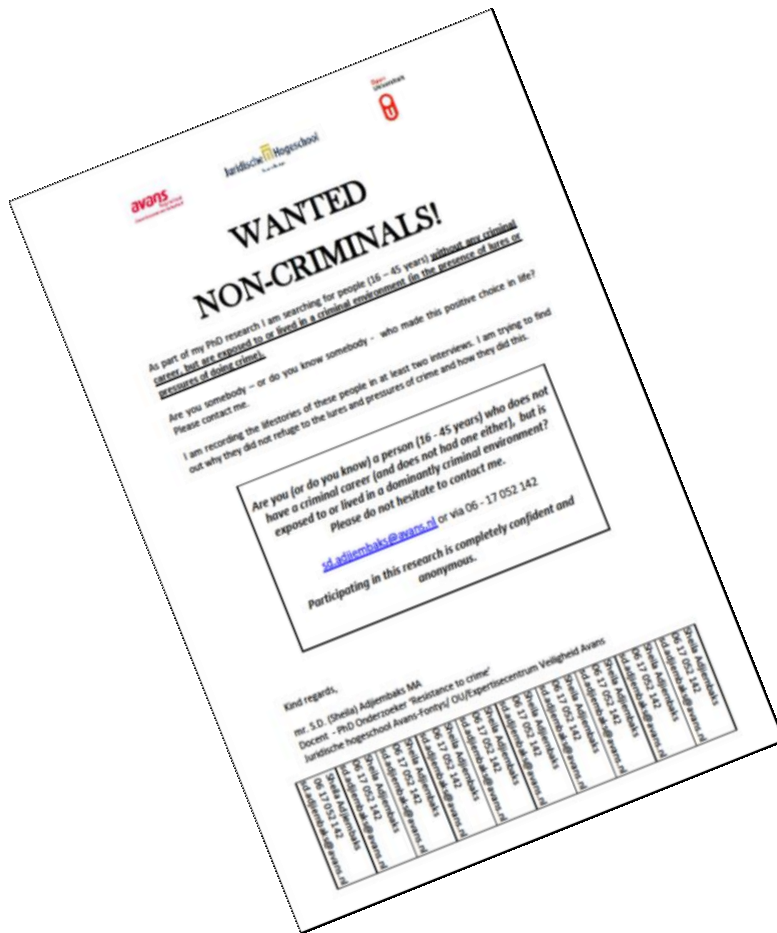
“A persons identity is not found in behaviour, nor- important though this is – in the reactions of others, but in the capacity to keep a particular narrative going.” (Giddens, 1991:54).



‘Storied identities’

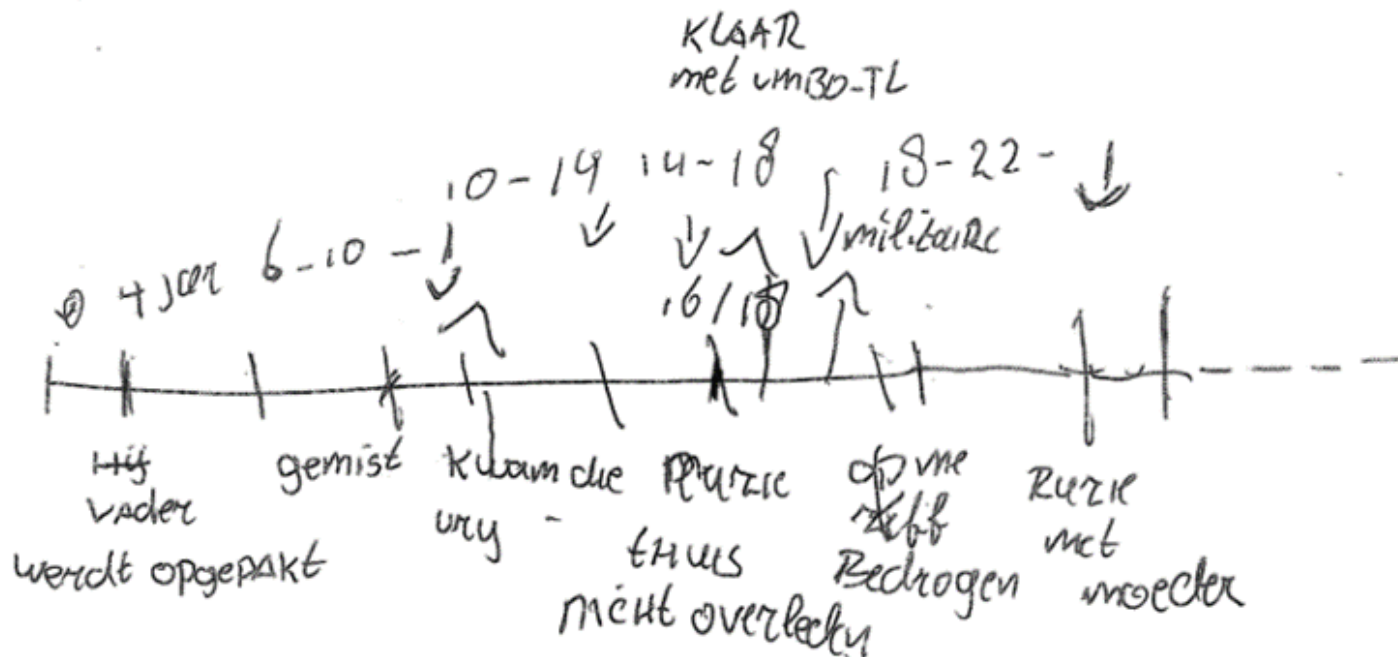
(Presser, 2010:433)

Data-collection



- Seven participants
- Two personality tests
- Two Interviews, 1 - 2,5 hours
 - Introduction
 - Lifestory interview inspired by McAdams (1996)
- + life-line
- Memo's
- Taped & Verbatim transcribed

Example - Life line



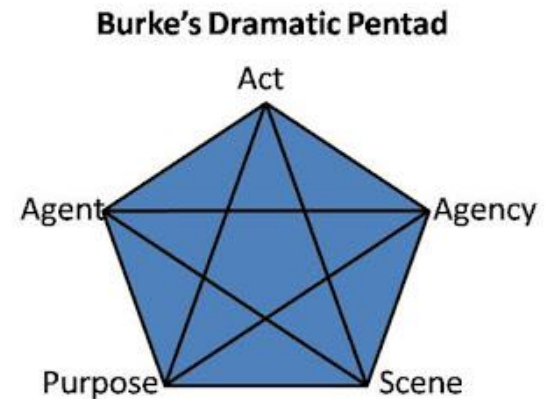
Data Analysis

- **Thematic Analysis**
(GT inductive > deductive)
- **Storyline Analysis** (Murray & Sools, 2014)



Burke's Pentad

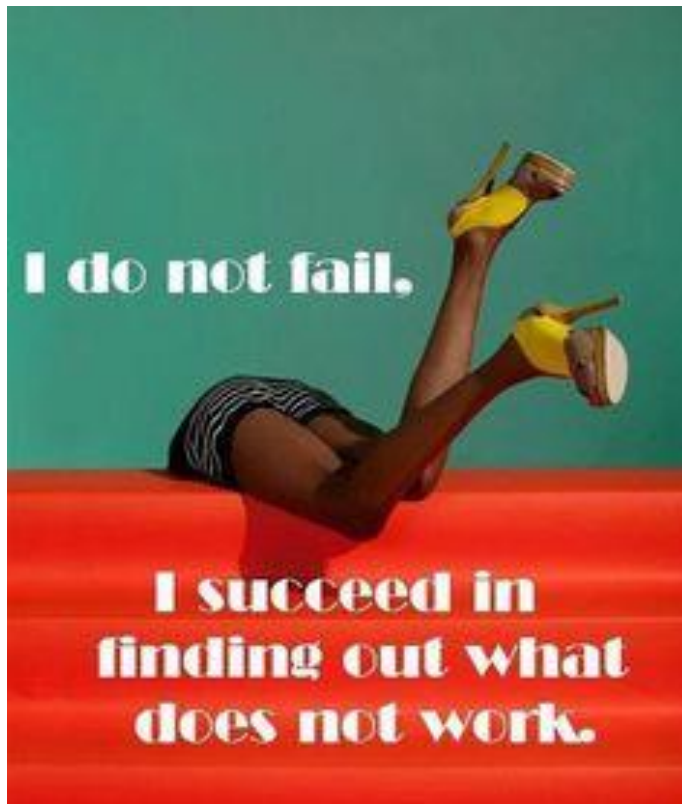
- (Introduction + case Title)
- 1. Five elements + breach, narrative summary
- 2. Interactional analysis
- 3. Moral, wider context
- (Comparitive analysis)



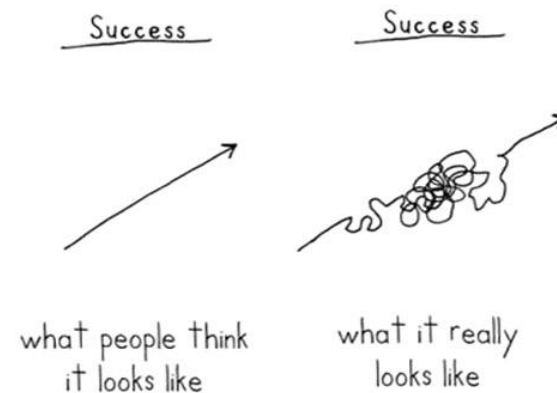
Thematic Analysis: Preliminary conclusions

*“Sometimes It literally was told that I was some kind of ... Torchbearer of the family you know.. Like: you are one of the smarter ones, you came a long way, so now you must continue on the road to succes...”
(Michael)*

Storyline Analysis: Preliminary conclusions (phase 1)



- Storied self is a redemptive one: *'My past is my future'*
- Progressive lifestory; the best is yet to come...



Storyline Analysis: Preliminary conclusions (phase 2)

Interaction '**confessional** '

" When I was driving home that evening I kept thinking.. "Wow, I actually am talking to someone about it! [lauging]... I noticed I felt some kind of..liberation, I mean you know more about me than my girlfriend does!"

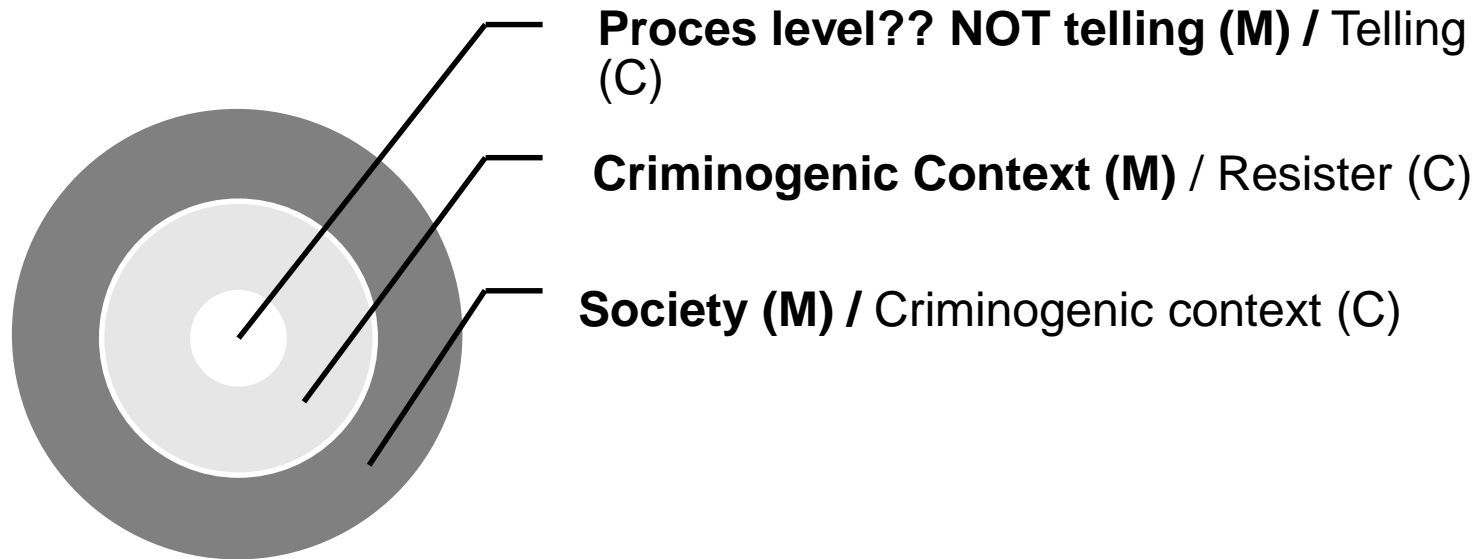
Resisters' storied selves are **secret stories**



Storyline Analysis: Preliminary conclusions (phase 3)

'Masternarrative' – Counternarrative

(Bamberg, 2004)



So... (I hope you) ...

- Know which two things inspired me to conduct this research;
- Are aware of the way I conducted this research regarding data-collection and data-analysis;
- Have some substantiated knowledge of (a part of) the preliminary conclusions related to life stories of resisters

Thank you!

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