Law Enforcement Challenges with Cyber Crime in Trinidad and Tobago

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The internet is now integral to man’s existence but criminals have found ways to threaten its usefulness. Cybercrime in Trinidad and Tobago has been on the rise and several cyber investigations have been initiated. However, law enforcement is ill-prepared to treat with the challenges posed despite efforts to keep abreast with technological advances. A weak legislative framework and lack of training has not helped and these failings can be devastating. The problems faced by law enforcement in treating with cybercrimes will be examined in this qualitative study. Unstructured interviews with police officers and cybercrime victims will be conducted. Secondary data will be obtained from newspaper reports, statistical data and past studies. The results, should inform policy decisions at the governmental level and chart the course for the strategic direction of the police service for cyber investigations.

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