

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Law enforcement is an activity to implement the law, to apply the law and to take legal action to every law breaker by legal subjects. The main role actors that accentuate the process of law enforcement are police, judge, prosecutor, and lawyer. Application of law enforcement in life is very difficult because of many irresponsible elements such as police who violate the rules with corruption, judges who do not consider the law correctly, the prosecutor who bribe, and the lawyer who only concern the client without entering the truth of law.

The need for law enforcement is very important for the main actor in the law enforcement that can not be ignored by society because it can enforce the law justly and wisely. According to data from Catalog of criminal BPS statistic, Indonesia crime in 2014 tendence to fluctuate. The highest of crime incidents in Indonesia is the period of 2011 through 2013. The number of crime incidents in 2011 is 340.000 cases and it is increasing in 2012 become 341.000 cases. The peak of the case is in 2013 which become 342.000 cases. Podes also reveals that during the period of 2005 until 2011 the number of villages which is the scene of a mass conflict is likely to increase. While European Institute for crime prevention and control, affiliated with the United Nations International Statistic on crime and justice data previously published by the United Nations office on drugs and crime suggest that approximatelly 490.000 deaths from International homicide accured in 2004 (General Declarations 2008). This represented a world average homicide rate in 2004 of 7,6 per 100.000 populations. It's proof of how the world is a lot of crime and in dire need law enforcement.

Law enforcement does not only concern of police, prosecutors, judges and lawyer but a writer, one of the authors is John Grisham. There are many honestly law enforcement such as experienced by the major actor in novel *The Racketeer*. The main character is lawyer who is maligned by the client. The sacrifice for law enforcement also impact for him by losing his children and his wife. This is one of the writings by John Grisham which shows how difficult the sacrifice experienced by law enforcement. It is the author's specifically. John Grisham coincidence is an author and also as a lawyer in real life, in this novel he wanted to show how to face the law enforcement.

Amazon.com classified this work into a novel. In the first printing on October 23, 2012 the novel by John Grisham gets 1,5 million copies. It makes the novel become best selling book in 2012 and become various best seller list. Several awards including the book debuted at number one on *The New York Times* Best Seller and the book reached the top of the *USA today* best seller list.

John Grisham was born on February, 8. 1955 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, when he was child he wanted to become professional baseball player. He majored in accounting at Mississippi State University. He gets practice law for nearly a decade in Southaven, specializing in Criminal defence and personal injury litigation after graduating from law school. In 1983 he was elected to the state House of Representative and several until 1990. He was working 60-70 hours a week, he works with law practice and works on his hobby, writing novel. John Grisham's other novels also get award, such as *The Client* and *Time to kill* and many other (www.jgr.com).

[Www.jgr.com](http://www.jgr.com) writes John Grisham has published *A time to kill* in 1988, Grisham has written one novel a year (his other books are *The Firm*, *The Pelican Brief*, *The Client*, *The Chamber*, *The Rainmaker*, *The Runaway Jury*, *The*

Partner, The Street Lawyer, The Testament, The Brethren, A Painted House, Skipping Christmas, The Summons, The King of Torts, Bleachers, The Last Juror, The Broker, Playing for Pizza, The Appeal, The Associate, The Confession, The Litigators, Calico Joe, Sycamore Row, and Gray Mountain and all of them have become international bestsellers. Nine of his novels have been turned into films (*The Firm, The Pelican Brief, The Client, A Time to Kill, The Rainmaker, The Chamber, A Painted House, The Runaway Jury, and Skipping Christmas*), as was an original screenplay, *The Gingerbread Man*. *The Innocent Man* (October 2006) marked his first foray into non-fiction, and *Ford County* (November 2009) was his first short story collection.

The Racketeer novel by John Grisham was made in 2012. This novel tells about a satisfying, deeply engrossing thriller in which different forms of justice are ultimately served. This novel *The Racketeer* tells about a lawyer the name is Malcolm Bannister who has been ten years prison sentence for money laundering, though his real crime, we discover simply “picking wrong client”. Bannister looked at his life come apart when he agreed to handle a real estate transaction for a white-collar crook named Barry Rafko. He did not know about client history and reputation. Bannister gets the prison because of this. He lost of career, job and family. Dionne as the Bannister wife divorces him because he is in prison for ten years, Dionnes married again with other man. In prison with other convict, Bannister knows who killed Judge Fawcett and he knows why. The judge’s body was found in his remote lakeside cabin. There was no forced entry, no struggle, just two dead bodies: Judge Fawcett and his young secretary. The FBI would love to know. Malcolm Bannister would tell them. Everything has a price, especially information as explosive as the sequence of events that led to Judge Fawcett’s death. The novel ends with Bannister celebrating with the Rucker family in his new house in Antigua, with all the gold.

There are some reason why the researcher analyzes this novel and uses sociology theory to analyze this Novel, because the novel tells crime of humanity, which relates to the social and law enforcement. This is agreement with social life, especially it focuses on legal, culture, and crime of humanity in social living, which happened in this novel. There are many aspects why the researcher does analyze this novel. The first is about character Malcom Bannister with the unique character. In the John Grisham novels, the main protagonist is Malcom Bannister and he is African American. Second is Plot. This novel tells many conflicts and puzzles of murder. Novel with a plot of the legal is very interesting. This novel also tells about law enforcement that there are police, judge, prosecutor and also the lawyer who are told in the plot.

Third is about the style of the language used in this novel. The language is simple. The author uses the language that is always used in nowadays. The language is easy to understand, so the reader is not confused. Finally, the last reason is about theme of sacrifice. When Bannister becomes a lawyer, he must lost a job and his family. As a result, because the reasons above, the researcher wants to analyze *The Racketeer*. Considering in this proposal, the researcher encouraged to entitle the research as following: "*The need for sacrifice in law enforcement in John Grisham's The Racketeer (2012): A Sociological Approach.*"

B. Problem Statement

Based on the previous background of the study, the researcher aims analyzing the problems.

1. What is the problems arising in Law Enforcement?
2. Who stands against Law Enforcement?
3. How to cope with obstacle?

C. Objective of the Study

Conducting the research, the researcher formulates the objectives of the study, as follows:

1. To know what problem arising in law enforcement is.
2. To analyze who becomes a barrier in law enforcement.
3. To know how to people cope with the obstacle in law enforcement.

D. Benefit of the Study

The result of the study is expected to give benefit as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefits

To give contribution to the body of knowledge, particularly the aspect of Sociological literary study.

2. Practical Benefits

To give benefit to me as researcher in comprehending John Grisham's *The Racketeer* from Sociological Approach.

E. Paper Organization

This research paper organization of The need for sacrifice in law enforcement in John Grisham's *The Racketeer* (2012) is as follow, chapter I is introduction, which consists of the background of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, benefit of the study and paper organization. Chapter II is literature review, it describes underlying theory and previous studies. Chapter III is Research Method which consists type of the study, data and data source, technique of data collection and technique of data analysis. Chapter IV is result of the research, which consists of result and discussion and Chapter V is closing and include as the last chapter of this research that consist of conclusion, pedagogical implication and suggestion.