

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Crime is often defined with behavior that violates the rule of law as a result of which can be subject to punishment. Crime occurs when a person breaks the law either directly or indirectly, or a form of negligence that can result in punishment. Crime also accompanied by a high ambition to get something. A person will be motivated to justify any means to reach the desired point. Until now, crime is still a social problem that disturbs the surrounding environment.

Crime is the main subject of public debate and intense attention. Criminal thoughts are crimes in the form of thoughts or ideas and do not use physical violence. In a problem, one idea is the most important, because there is not one idea, one thing cannot happen or cannot be executed. This idea is the first place to be created, and reality is the place created for the second time. Therefore, nothing happens in this life did not create an idea before. Usually, the ideas obtained come from existing problems.

Criminal behavior can be attributed to the unconscious processing of information according to cognitive theory (Beck, 1995), spontaneously happens on the basis of cognitive models. It is a habit of thinking, with or without critical thinking. Positive and negative thinking are the cognitive patterns of person concerning the errors of thinking (Beck, 1995). Even so, Fridell and Hesse (in Lindblom et al., 2018) emphasized that the trends, norms, and consequences of criminal behavior are often overlooked because facts show that these factors predict the recurrence of crime.

According to Ellis & Walsh (1999), there are eight factors causing crime, they are societal and economic factors (caused by an economic system that frustrates certain attempts to participate, power inequalities in law enforcement and education, marking factors), neighbor-hood and local institutions (caused by lack of educational opportunities, lack of religious/moral education, peer impacts, bad example of business leaders and community leaders), family factors (caused by lack of supervision & monitoring, poor practices of discipline, bad example, unstable family life), mass media (caused by violence portrayals, pornography, creating unrealistic and unattainable goals), individual differences (caused by low intelligence, mental illness, impulse, risk-taking, lack of empathy and compassion for others), biological factors (caused by evolutionary (natural selection), genetic, hormonal, neurological factors), drugs/ drug use (caused by alcohol,

soft drugs, hard drugs), and criminal justice system (caused by failure to be punitive enough, inappropriate or too harsh punishment/ treatment).

The Great Gatsby novel is the work of F. Scott Fitzgerald which is best known to the public, this novel became famous only after Fitzgerald died. The Great Gatsby earned Fitzgerald as the one of the best American novelists ever. This novel is told by Nick Carraway who is the narrator. Nick is a veteran of World War I who is a businessman who graduated from Yale University. Nick moves to West Egg, renting a bungalow next door to Jay Gatsby's mansion. Nick is Daisy's cousin who is Gatsby's ex-boyfriend. Despite being married, Tom has an affair with Myrtle, Wilson's wife, an auto repair shop owner. Nick's initial impression of Gatsby was not very good, hearing that a lot of people at Gatsby's party speculated that Gatsby's property came from illegal business.

Gatsby always throws a party every week, hoping Daisy to be one of the guests at the party. Nick gets an invitation from Gatsby for lunch then introduces his business partner to him, Meyer Wolfsheim. Meeting Jordan, Nick also start a friendship with her. Through her, he know lest five years before Daisy and Gatsby had fell in love each other, and Gatsby wants to meet her again. Then, Nick devises for Daisy to come to the house of Gatsby. They start having an affair. Although Gatsby was a very rich person, because he unsuccessful in most aspects which is stipulated an individual social status, was different in the eyes of the old upper-class society as people like Tom and Daisy. Therefore, Gatsby's effort never had the chance to succeed to win Daisy back, who had different status and was part of that society.

Daisy and her husband come to the party which held by Gatsby, Tom can immediately see that Gatsby's property is the result of doing crime. Gatsby think that he should be equal to reach his ambition to win Daisy's heart. While at lunch, Daisy scheme to reveal to Tom that she wants to leave him. Gatsby feels cramped to take up about this at the house of Tom, and then they going to Manhattan as Daisy's suggestion.

They stop at the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan. Gatsby expresses his feelings for Daisy. Tom deliberately knocked Gatsby down, he revealed that Gatsby was a robber, and might also be bound in other criminal activities. Then, Gatsby demands to Daisy that she never loved Tom and wants to leave him completely. Daisy rejects Gatsby and destroys his dreams and obsessions. Their relationship was end up, Daisy choose to stay with her husband.

One night, Daisy and Gatsby came house in their car. As they drive by George's garage, the woman approaching to the car, thought that Tom was steering. In her drive,

Daisy surprised an unintentionally hits and kills Myrtle, leaving without stopping. Tom traces the wreck. He explains to Wilson that the yellow car was Gatsby's. Gatsby was found guilty of the crash. He hoping for Daisy to change her decision and return into him, while the next day she and her husband skipped the town. Nick and Jordan end their relationship since she didn't care about the death of Myrtle's at all.

Gatsby told lots of his story to Nick. He converge and had interest with Daisy when he was an officer, however a month later he had to go to sea to participate in the First World War. Two years passed, she married Tom. Since being sent to the battlefield five years ago, Gatsby has been tempted for having Daisy back. At subsequent time, Wilson killed Gatsby by shot, and then himself. The police excluded Buchanan and Myrtle's business from murder and suicide reports. Nick tried to have someone to be present at Gatsby's cemetery, however now all those Gatsby's friends that was attending his party refused to attend. Even Wolfsheim, Gatsby's partner, didn't desire to go to the cemetery. Finally, his father came from Minnesota to attend the cemetery. At the end, Nick chose to back home into Midwest.

This novel was correspond in from Nick's perspective as the first-person. He didn't know other characters thought except they told him. However Nick told the book, in any different ways he was not intentional with the episodes involved, except that he facilitated the encounter of Gatsby and Daisy. He remained an researcher the events around him, separated with their framework when the time came to recount an important meeting between Tom, Daisy and Gatsby. In once parts his voice disappeared totally, and he relates the thoughts and feelings of other characters. Gatsby told to Nick about his relationship with Daisy in the past, then Nick drawn up from Gatsby's perspective.

The researcher chooses *The Great Gatsby* as the objects of analysis for this study because the story represents the life's struggle and ambition to reach the desired point. The researcher has also tried to relate these literary works to Sociology Approach since these they consult with criminality. Because of those issues the researcher interested to conduct a study entitled: "The Criminality Reflected on *The Great Gatsby* Novel: A Sociology Approach"

B. Research Question

1. What are the aspects of criminality in the action of Gatsby character?
2. Why does criminality emerge as an issue in this novel?
3. How is criminality depicted in *The Great Gatsby*?

C. Objectives of the Study

1. To identify the criminality aspects in the action of Gatsby character by using Sociology Approach.
2. To describe why criminality emerged as an issue in this novel.
3. To describe how criminality depicted in this novel.

D. Benefit of the Study

1. Theoretically, for the researcher this research can be the reference for conducting such kind of paper the author hopes that this research can contribute to the development of knowledge in literary theory related to the main character in the novel.
2. In practical terms, the researcher also build upon that this research can become a study reference for students in Department of English Education, for those who want to study life through literature, researcher hope this research can provide insight into life that always rotates like a wheel.