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Research Title: THEFT CRIME THROUGH COMPUTER OR NETWORK A COMPARATIVE LEGAL STUDY WITH SHARALAW

Description: Computer crime can broadly be defined as criminal activity involving the information technology infrastructure, including illegal access (unauthorized access), illegal interception (by technical means of non-public transmissions of computer data to, from or within a computer system), data interference (unauthorized damaging, deletion, deterioration, alteration or suppression of computer data), systems interference (interfering with the functioning of a computer system by inputting, transmitting, damaging, deleting, deteriorating, altering or suppressing computer data), misuse of devices, forgery (ID theft), and electronic fraud. In this context, the fraud will result in obtaining a benefit by: altering computer input in an unauthorized way. This requires little technical expertise and is not an uncommon form of theft by employees altering the data before entry or entering false data, or by entering unauthorized instructions or using unauthorized processes; altering, destroying, suppressing, or stealing output, usually to conceal unauthorized transactions: this is difficult to detect; altering or deleting stored data; or altering or misusing existing system tools or software packages, or altering or writing code for fraudulent purposes. In this dissertation an attempt will be made to analyse theft crime through computer or network, and to examine how the traditional rules of theft under existing law could be apply in such cases. My objective here is to establish a coherent understanding about theft crime through computer and its legal nature. More importantly, this study will deal with the crucial question of the applicability of Shariah law on these crimes and whether or not there is a need for modernizing existing rules to deal adequately with these modern crimes.

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