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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Compulsory REVISION comments	In the abstract, the sentence “A panel data consisting 36 states and Federal Capital Territory (FCT) spanning from 1996 to 2005 was used” should be changed to “The data that were used in this study consists of.....” because it’s not properly worded and it is confusing. On page 1 (end of page), the author(s) discuss cost-benefit relationship to crime. This refers to the rational choice theory. The author(s) need to include at least one reference that relates to the rational choice theory (a criminological theory). Data and Methodology section: the author(s) should be more specific on where did they get the data. The author(s) briefly discuss the data source but it’s hard to tell if these data are on public domain and who has originally collected and stored the data. The purpose of this paper was about investigating the effects of unemployment on different types of crimes. This was not successfully presented in the “Results” section (page 12). The author(s) should discuss which variables have a positive	Effected correction as suggested by reviewer Included two references, Becker 1968 and Ehrlich 1973 Included the source of data in section 3.1 A paragraph is added under discussion of results to summarise the effects of main variables on total crime, armed robbery, kidnapping and vehicle theft.



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	relationship with crime (i.e., an increase in unemployment is manifested with an increase in vehicle theft or armed robbery), clearly state those relationships, and present them in groups. The authors should present variables that have a <u>negative effect</u> on the total number of crimes (or different types of crimes), grouped together. Then, present variables that have a <u>positive effect</u> on different types of crime, grouped together. The conclusion is non-existent. The results of this study should be discussed in the context of the literature, comparing prior studies with the present study. The section “Concluding Remarks” should address the contribution of this study to the existing literature, either by concurring with prior research for selected variables, or contradicting research results of prior studies on the same topic.	Introduced two sentences at the concluding section to capture this.
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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	The author(s) should not claim that criminologists have not used unemployment as predictor (cause) of crime, or there's not enough research studies that have used unemployment as a predictor. There are some problems with the sentencing structures throughout the manuscript, but, that can be something that the journal's managing editor can correct. Also there are some problems with subject-verb agreement. For example, on page 12 (line 231) states, "total crime increases as more people becomes unemployed in any state." Similar problems were noticed throughout the manuscript. Figures 1 through 8 – should not be included in the literature review section. They should be included in the "RESULTS" section and labeled "Preliminary Analysis."	We did not claim that criminologists have not used unemployment as predictor, we only argued that previous studies have not examined economic model of crime in Nigeria. These figures are not part of literature review rather presented under stylize facts describing the environment
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	I'm not sure why the author(s) include "prison" as a variable in the model. Variables in tables 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, and 5 should be spelled out. Author(s) should not use abbreviated versions of variables when they present the results. The title needs some work. It can be worded differently. For example, "The effect of Unemployment on Crime in Nigeria: A Panel Data Analysis."	This was included to proxy deterrent factor The variables are spelled out according the definitions in table 1 Corrected as suggested