

ABSTRACT

The restorative justice approach in law enforcement for drug addicts aims to prioritize rehabilitation over punishment. This study analyzes the implementation of restorative justice at the investigation stage in the Narcotics Investigation Unit of Polresta Jambi and identifies its supporting and inhibiting factors. This research employs an empirical legal method with a qualitative approach. Data was obtained through interviews with investigators, the National Narcotics Agency (BNN), and a review of relevant laws and regulations. The findings indicate that restorative justice has been implemented by considering legal and social aspects. However, its implementation still faces obstacles such as a lack of coordination among institutions, limited rehabilitation facilities, and societal stigma against drug addicts. The conclusion of this study is that the restorative justice approach has significant potential to handle drug addicts in a humane and effective manner. However, clearer regulations and stronger synergy between the police, prosecutors, and BNN are needed to enhance its effectiveness.

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