



**HEROIN MAFIA AND ITS ROLE IN DISCLOSING
POLICE CORRUPTION IN SIR RIDLEY SCHOTT'S
MOVIE *AMERICAN GANGSTER***

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ABSTRACT

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People are social human being, so they cannot live without their surroundings. They environment surroundings make the different influence to each people. *American Gangster* is a dramatic film, the problems that are discussed range from social and culture so that it can enlarge our experience. In the research the writer analyzed characteristics of heroin mafia in a the aims of the study are to prove that the characteristics of heroin mafia really occurs in the movie, to identify contribution Frank Lucas as leader of heroin mafia in disclosing police corruption in the movie.

To make clearly explanation in this thesis, the writer presented some explanations about the theoretical background of his thesis. They are film, about Harlem, sociology, and sociological approach to literature. The statement of the problems is characteristics of Frank Lucas as heroin mafia leader and Frank Lucas's role contributed to disclosure of police corruption. The purpose of the study is the writer wants to describe the role of mafia to society.

The method that the writer used in analysing the film is by using library research, VCD research and internet research.. This research is descriptive and qualitative. The sources of the data in this study are the script and the video. The data taken from the script are in the forms of words, phrases, sentences, dialogues, explicit meanings, and hidden meanings. While the data taken from the video are in the forms of mimics, gestures, and pictures. The data are gathered by watching the movie, reading the movie script, identifying, inventorying, classifying, reporting, and selecting technique. The analysis is done by several techniques including exposing, explaining, and interpreting.

From the data analysis, the writer concludes that 1) the characteristics of mafia has two sides, not only bad sides as like as most of people know, but also they have good sides of society in this movie . 2) The roles of mafia in disclosing police corruption give big influence in helping police department in this movie.

By studying the characteristic of mafia, the writer found some aspects that we can take from this movie that told about life of lord mafia in USA. The writer wished that there would be more study in the world of minority people, who assumed negative behavior. Its temporarily makes us thinking about life of people who did criminal, on the other hand, he has good side that gives big contribution to country.