



United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department - Practices Violate the Law and Undermine Community Trust, Especially Among African Americans

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 254 x 203 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice opened its investigation of the Ferguson Police Department (FPD) on September 4, 2014. This investigation has revealed a pattern or practice of unlawful conduct within the Ferguson Police Department that violates the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and federal statutory law. Ferguson s law enforcement practices are shaped by the City s focus on revenue rather than by public safety needs. This emphasis on revenue has compromised the institutional character of Ferguson s police department, contributing to a pattern of unconstitutional policing, and has also shaped its municipal court, leading to procedures that raise due process concerns and inflict unnecessary harm on members of the Ferguson community. Further, Ferguson s police and municipal court practices both reflect and exacerbate existing racial bias, including racial stereotypes. Ferguson s own data establish clear racial disparities that adversely impact African Americans. The evidence shows that discriminatory intent is part of the reason for these disparities. Over time, Ferguson s police and municipal court...



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