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Police Crime – Literature Review

- Independent Commission Reports:
  - Knapp Commission (1972)
  - Mollen Commission (1994)

- Newspaper Investigative Reporting:
  - *Boston Globe* (1980s)
  - *Philadelphia Inquirer* (1990s and 2006)

- Research in Criminology / Social Sciences:
  - *The Police and the Public* (Reiss, 1971)
  - *Scandal and Reform* (Sherman, 1978)
  - *Forces of Deviance* (Kappeler, et al., 1998)
  - *Bad Cops: A Study of Career-Ending Misconduct Among New NYPD Officers* (Fyfe & Kane, 2006)
  - *Police Integrity Lost* (Stinson, et al., 2014)
Method

• Multiyear study on police crime.
• Content analysis of news articles.
• Use Google News search engine and Google Alerts email update service.
• The unit of analysis is criminal arrest case.
• This presentation summarizes the criminal arrest cases of nonfederal sworn law enforcement officers across the United States during the years 2005-2011.
• Intercoder reliability overall simple agreement between two coders exceeded 97.7% across all variables. Krippendorf’s Alpha coefficients are strong ($\alpha=0.9153$).
Strengths & Limitations

• Google News is a preferred method to conduct news-based content analysis research.

• The research is limited by the content and quality of information provided on each case.

• The data are limited to cases that involved an official arrest.

• These data are the result of a filtering process that includes the exercise of discretion by media sources in terms of types of stories covered and the nature of the content devoted to particular stories.
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Cop holds wife hostage over cake

By Trench Reynolds • Nov 23rd, 2005 • Category: New York

New York

Cop accused of threatening wife at his birthday bash:
Reason to Blow Up the World:

cop who once headed a domestic violence unit held an ax to his wife’s head and twice threatened to shoot her - all because he didn’t like the birthday cake she bought him, sources said yesterday. “He was not a satisfied customer,” a law enforcement source said. “He wanted ice cream cake.”

Lt. William Doyle was released yesterday on $1,000 bond after being charged in the alleged five-hour barrage of threats at his 47th birthday party in the couple’s Staten Island home Monday:
UNIVERS STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CAMPAGNOLI

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ET. AL.

Defendants.

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL
Prefilled by OnBase

N-Number:
N00322

FIPS County:
710

County:
Lee County

State:
NC

Agency:
Lee Co. Sheriff

Middle Name:
A.

SUFFIX:

Last Name:
Family Violence

Weapon: Gun-dept-issued
- No
- Yes

Weapon: Gun-personal
- No
- Yes

Weapon: Chemical spray
- No
- Yes

Weapon: CED / Taser
- No
- Yes

Weapon: Nightstick / Baton
- No
- Yes

Weapon: Flashlight
- No
- Yes

Weapon: Other police weapon
- No
- Yes

Weapon: Knife
Police Crime Arrest Cases, 2005-2011

- 2,529 Employing Agencies
- 6,724 Arrest Cases
Stinson’s Typology of Police Crime

- Alcohol-related Police Crime
- Drug-related Police Crime
- Sex-related Police Crime
- Violence-related Police Crime
- Profit-Motivated Police Crime
Officers Arrested for DUI, 2005-2010

DUI with Accident: 410 (54%)
DUI - No Accident: 350 (46%)
Selling / Dealing / Trafficking Drugs

Node 0
- Category % n
  - No 51.1 113
  - Yes 48.9 108
  - Total 100.0 221

Cocaine
- No
  - Node 1
    - Category % n
      - No 55.8 82
      - Yes 44.2 63
      - Total 59.6 125
  - Yes
    - Node 2
      - Category % n
        - No 32.3 31
        - Yes 67.7 65
        - Total 43.8 96

Heroin
- No
  - Node 3
    - Category % n
      - No 60.0 81
      - Yes 39.9 55
      - Total 59.9 116
  - Yes
    - Node 4
      - Category % n
        - No 11.1 1
        - Yes 88.9 8
        - Total 4.1 9

Marijuana
- No
  - Node 5
    - Category % n
      - No 45.5 26
      - Yes 54.5 30
      - Total 49.9 55
  - Yes
    - Node 6
      - Category % n
        - No 14.0 6
        - Yes 85.4 36
        - Total 16.0 41

Other Anabolic Steroids
- No
  - Node 7
    - Category % n
      - No 72.1 90
      - Yes 27.9 31
      - Total 50.2 111
  - Yes
    - Node 8
      - Category % n
        - No 20.0 1
        - Yes 80.0 4
        - Total 2.3 5
Shakedowns/Thefts from Car Stops & Drug Couriers

Node 0
Category % n
No 96.4 191
Yes 13.6 30
Total 100.0 221

Cocaine

No

Node 1
Category % n
No 97.6 122
Yes 2.4 3
Total 66.6 125

Yes

Node 2
Category % n
No 71.9 69
Yes 28.1 27
Total 43.4 96

Marijuana

No

Node 3
Category % n
No 87.3 48
Yes 12.7 7
Total 24.9 55

Yes

Node 4
Category % n
No 51.2 21
Yes 48.8 20
Total 18.6 41

Phencyclidine & Analogues

No

Node 5
Category % n
No 41.2 14
Yes 58.8 20
Total 15.4 34

Yes

Node 6
Category % n
No 100.0 7
Yes 0.0 0
Total 3.2 7
Police Officers Arrested for Sex Crimes

Is the Victim a Child?

Node 0
Adult (n = 382, 49.5%)
Child (n = 380, 50.5%)
Total (n = 772, 100%)

At or in Victim’s Residence;
At or in Other’s Residence;
School or College;
Other Public Place

Highway/Road; Other Public Place;
Parking Lot/Garage; Other
Commercial Place; Near Victim’s Residence;
Bar, Nightclub, or Restaurant;
Near Other’s Residence

Location of Violence

Node 1
Adult (n = 150, 33.7%)
Child (n = 295, 66.3%)
Total (n = 445, 97.7%)

21-23 years; 15-17 years;
24-26 years; 0-2 years

3-5 years; 12-14 years;
18-20 years; 9-11 years;
27 or more years;
6-8 years

Years of Service

Node 2
Adult (n = 232, 71.2%)
Child (n = 94, 28.8%)
Total (n = 326, 92.3%)

500-999 FT officers;
1000 or more FT officers;
250-499 FT officers,
25-49 FT officers;
50-99 FT officers;
10-24 FT officers;
0-1 FT officers

Agency Size

Node 3
Adult (n = 63, 52.5%)
Child (n = 57, 47.5%)
Total (n = 120, 35.6%)

Node 4
Adult (n = 87, 26.8%)
Child (n = 238, 73.2%)
Total (n = 325, 42.2%)

Node 5
Adult (n = 21, 36.8%)
Child (n = 36, 63.2%)
Total (n = 57, 7.4%)

Node 6
Adult (n = 211, 78.4%)
Child (n = 58, 21.6%)
Total (n = 269, 34.9%)
Violence-related Police Crime

• Stinson -w- The Washington Post study of on-duty shootings
• Bizarre Violence – off-duty gun-involved criminal events
• Criminal Misuse of Conductive Energy Devices (e.g., Tasers)
• Officer-involved Domestic Violence (OIDV) – Lautenberg Amendment
OIDV Criminal Case Dispositions by Weapon

- **Hands/Fist**: 54% Officer Not Convicted, 46% Officer Convicted
- **Other Body Parts**: 13% Officer Not Convicted, 87% Officer Convicted
- **Personally Owned Gun**: 12% Officer Not Convicted, 88% Officer Convicted
Officers Arrested and 42 U.S.C. §1983

Never sued under §1983: 5,114 (76%)

§1983 Defendant: 1,610 (24%)
Late-Stage Police Crime
Monthly Podcast Episodes are Available on iTunes

For more information on this research project, go to: www.bgsu.edu/policeintegritylost