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Police Crime – Literature Review

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

• Newspaper Investigative Reporting:
  • New York Times (1970s)
  • 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)
  • Driving while Female (Walker, 2002, 2003)
  • 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 (α=.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.”

L.T. 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:
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GABRIEL A. CACERES,

Plaintiff,

against

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ET. AL.,

Defendants.

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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CV 08-1170(SLT)(JO)
Prefilled by OnBase

N-Number:
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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
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%)
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

![Late-Stage Police Crime Graph](image-url)
Monthly Podcast Episodes are Available on iTunes

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