

U.S. Justice Department Seeks Overhaul of Ferguson Police over Systemic Racial Bias



Washington, March 5 (RHC)-- The U.S. Justice Department is calling for a major overhaul of Ferguson's criminal justice system after finding systemic discrimination against African-American residents.

A comprehensive report says police disproportionately stopped, arrested and used force against Blacks without reasonable suspicion, and then acted as a "collection agency" to operate off of their fines.

The report details many other examples of police harassment, abuse and racial profiling of African Americans. Dogs were let loose only on Blacks and sometimes without warning. One man was accused of being a pedophile for sitting in his car after playing basketball in a public park. After objecting to a car search, he was arrested at gunpoint on charges that ultimately cost him his job as a federal contractor.

Other instances were found of Taser attacks without cause and people called the N-word. Saying the racial bias was pervasive, U.S. Attorney General Holder demanded "wholesale and structural corrective action."

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