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Examining Police Officer Crime

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Annotation

In this video and accompanying transcript, Dr. Philip Stinson of Bowling Green State University discusses the findings of his research on crimes committed by police officers.

Abstract

The project's three goals were 1) to determine the extent and the nature of crime committed by police officers in non-Federal law enforcement agencies across the Country; 2) to determine what factors influence how law enforcement agencies respond when their officers are arrested; and 3) to identify correlates of police misconduct and determine whether there are any correlates of police misconduct. The conference presentation focuses on what was learned about six types of crimes committed by police officers (alcohol-related, drug-related, sex-related, violence-related, and profit-motivated crime). He concludes from his research that almost all crimes committed by sworn law enforcement officers fall into one or more of these crime types. Dr. Stinson expresses the hope that police chiefs will examine this research and develop ways to help officers address correlates of these types of crime.

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