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Police Crime – Literature Review

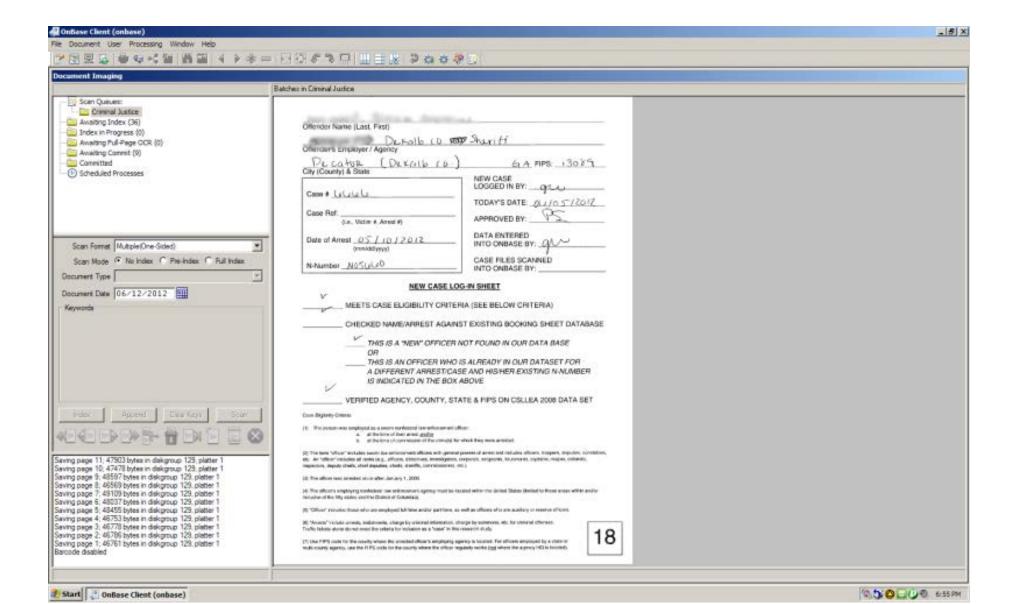
- Independent Commission Reports:
 - Knapp Commission (1972)
 - Pennsylvania Crime Commission (1974)
 - Mollen Commission (1994)
- Newspaper Investigative Reporting:
 - New York Times (1970s)
 - Boston Globe (1980s)
 - *Philadelphia Inquirer* (1990s and 2006)
- Research in Criminology / Social Sciences:
 - 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)

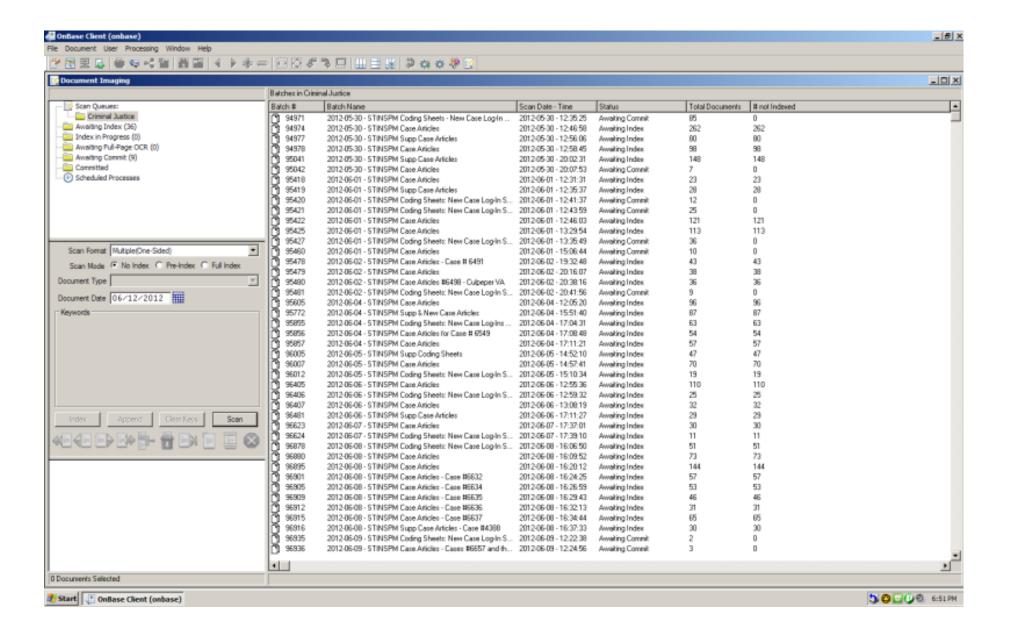
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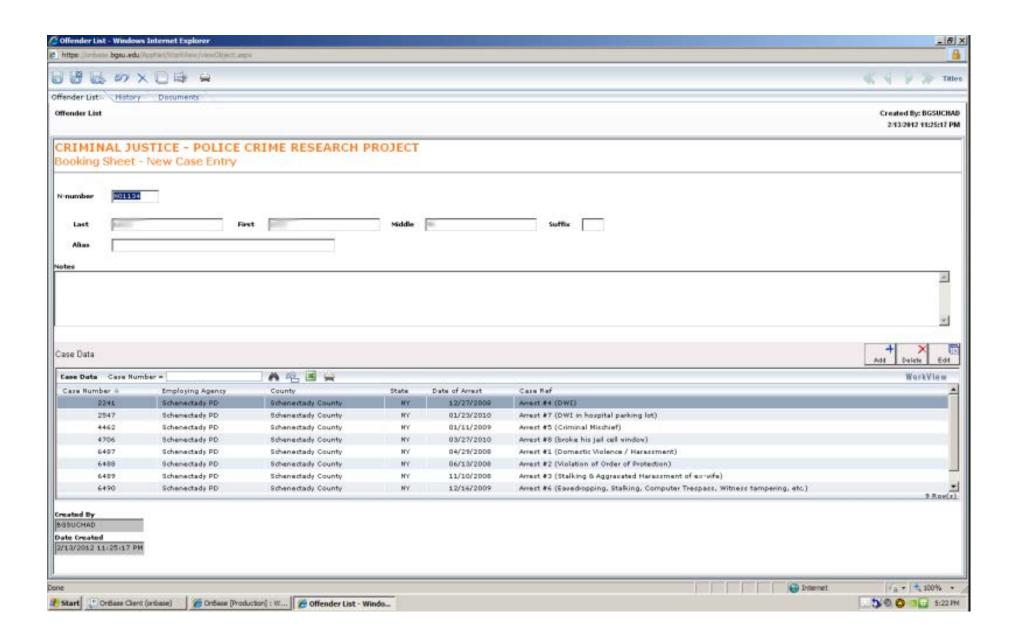
- Multiyear study on police crime.
- Content analysis of news articles.
- Use Google News search engine and Google Alerts email update service.
- The unit of analysis is *criminal arrest case*.
- This presentation summarizes the criminal arrest cases of nonfederal sworn law enforcement officers across 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).

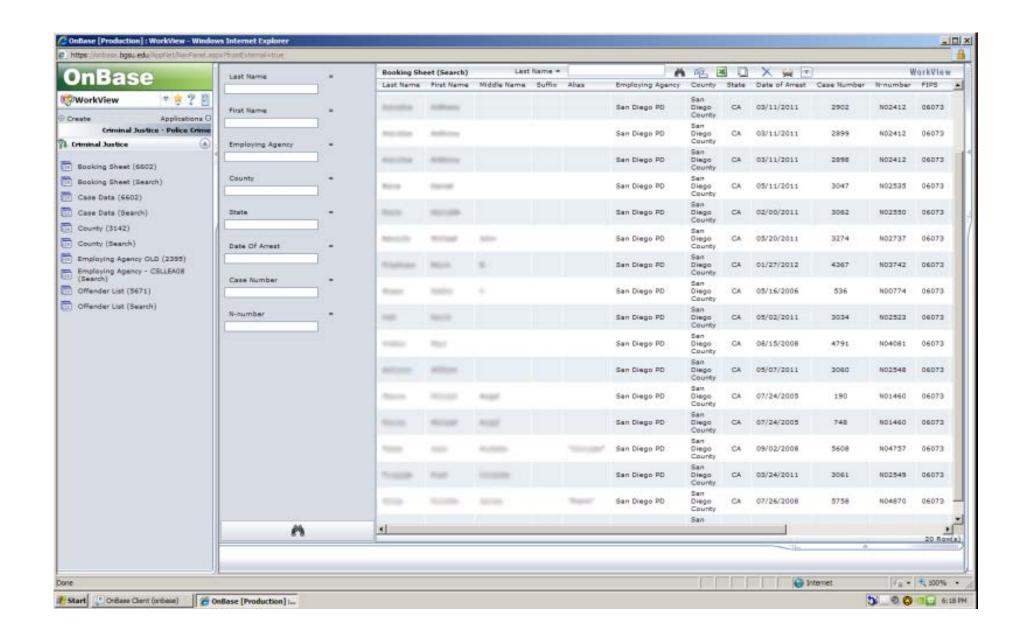
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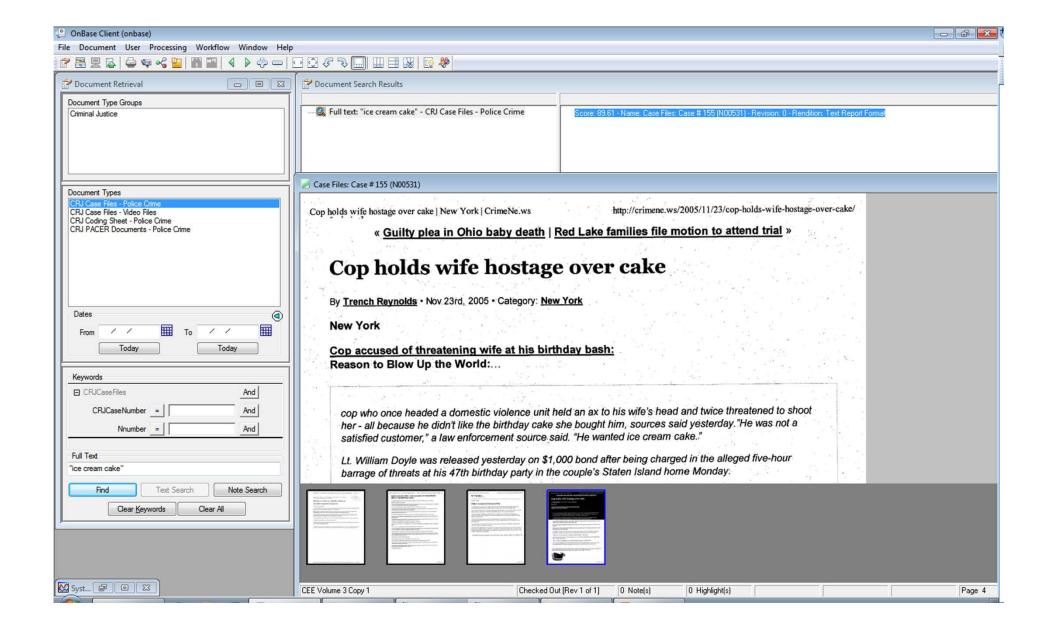
- Google News is a preferred method to conduct news-based content analysis research.
- The research is limited by the content and quality of information provided on each case.
- The data are limited to cases that involved an official arrest.
- These data are the result of a filtering process that includes the exercise of discretion by media sources in terms of types of stories covered and the nature of the content devoted to particular stories.

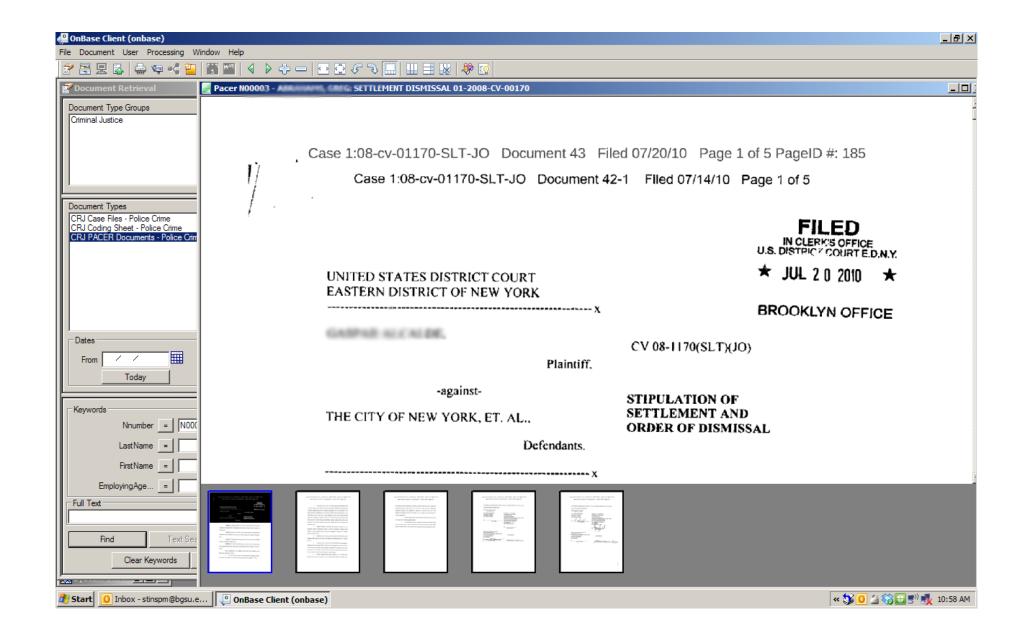


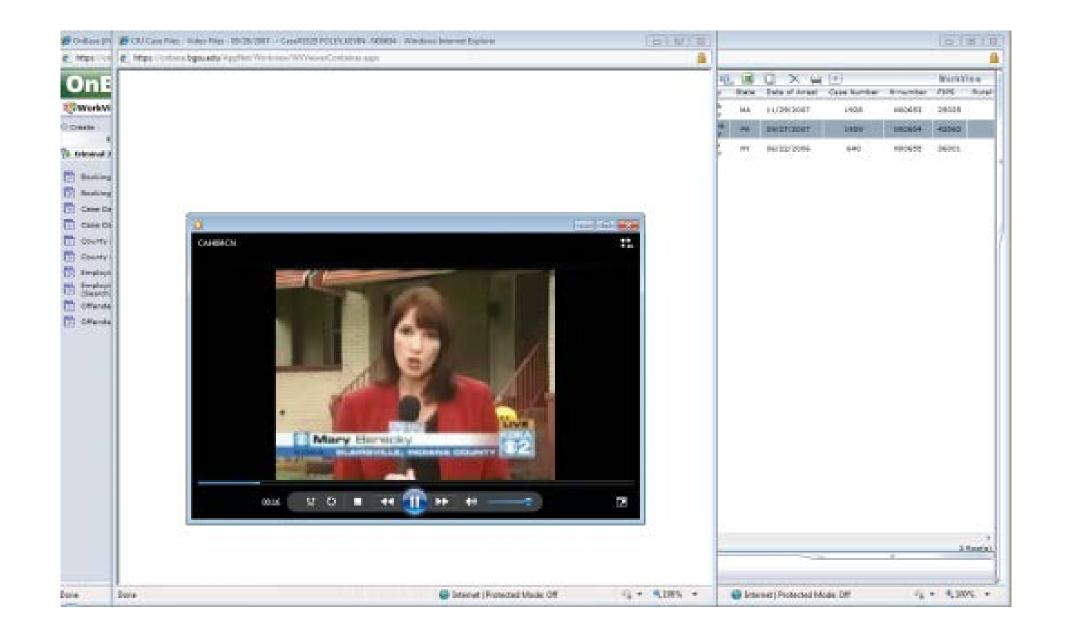


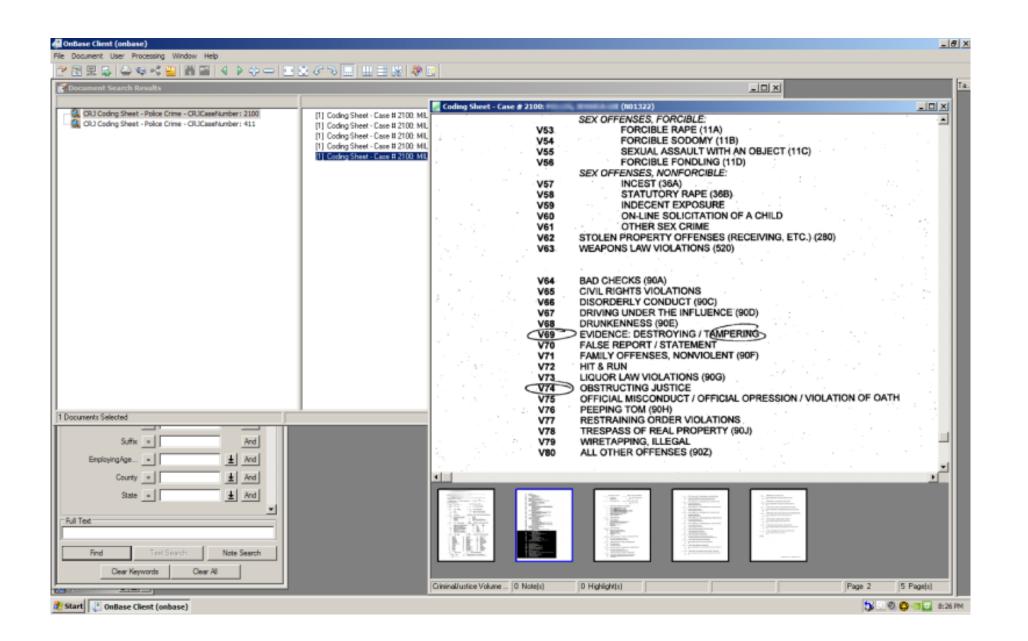


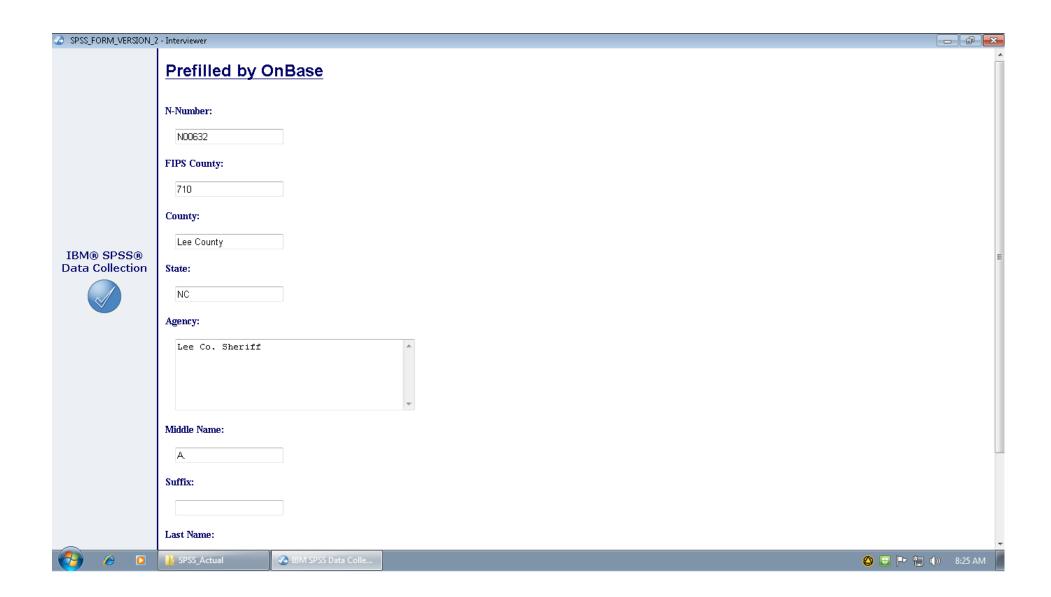


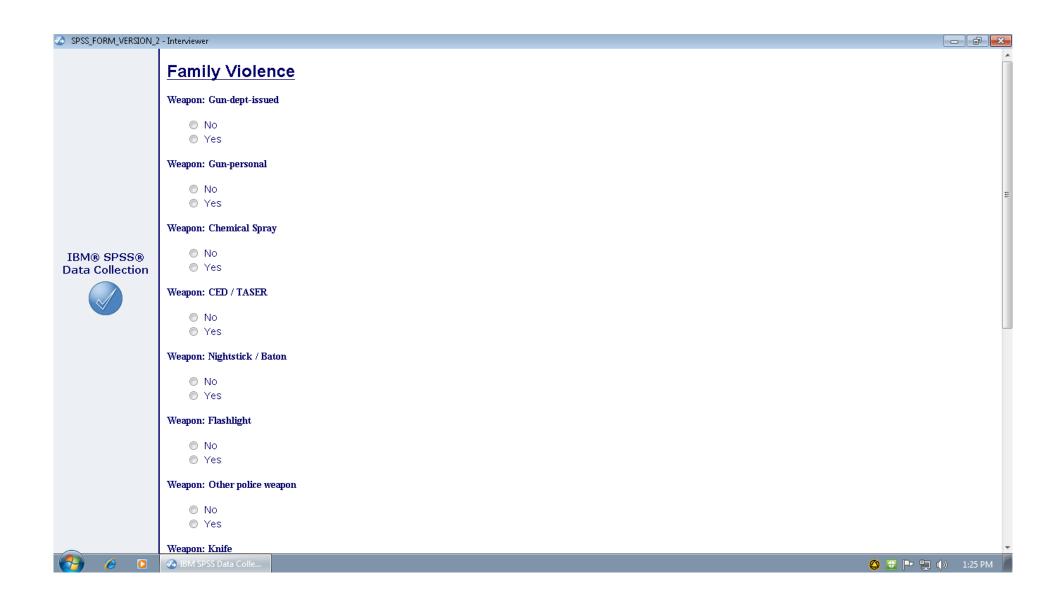






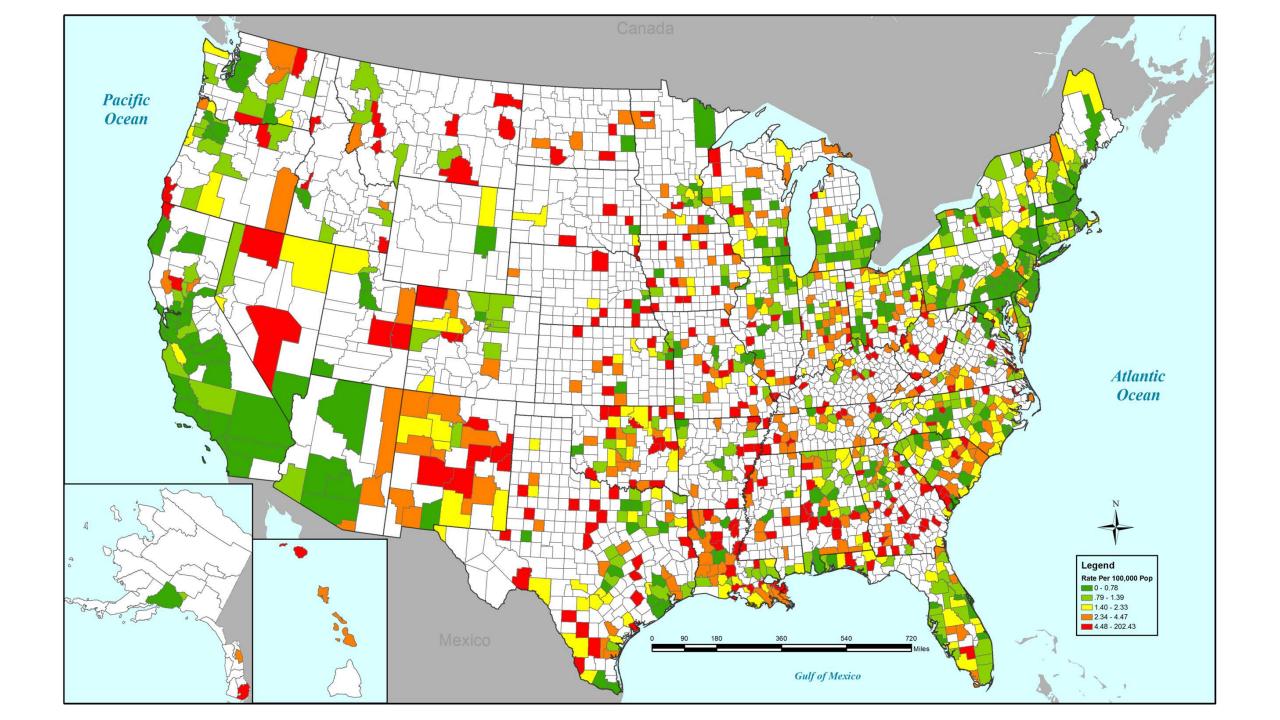






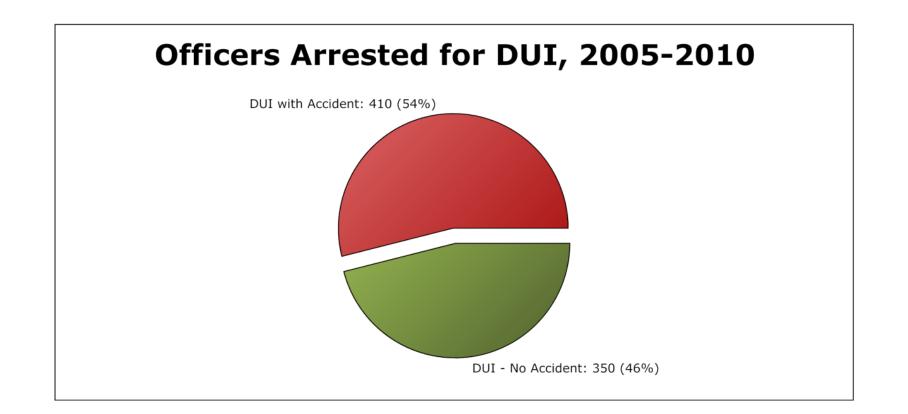
Police Crime Arrest Cases, 2005-2011

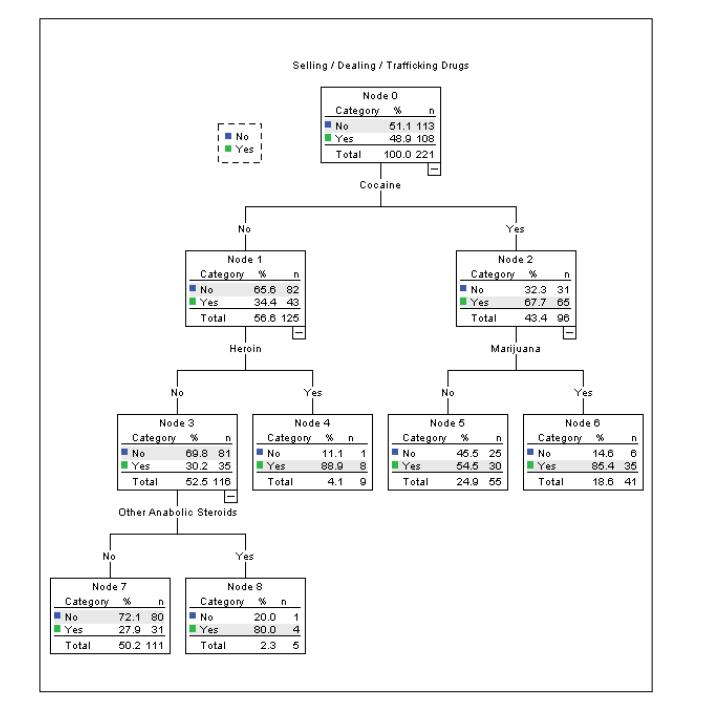
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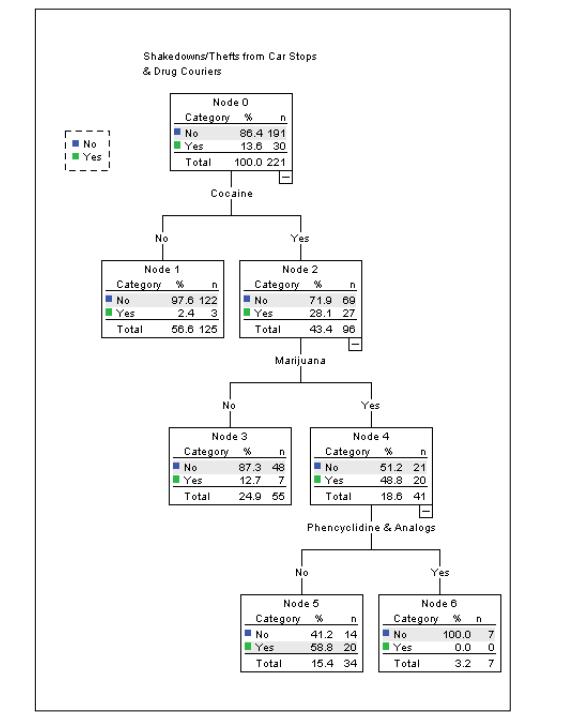


Stinson's Typology of Police Crime

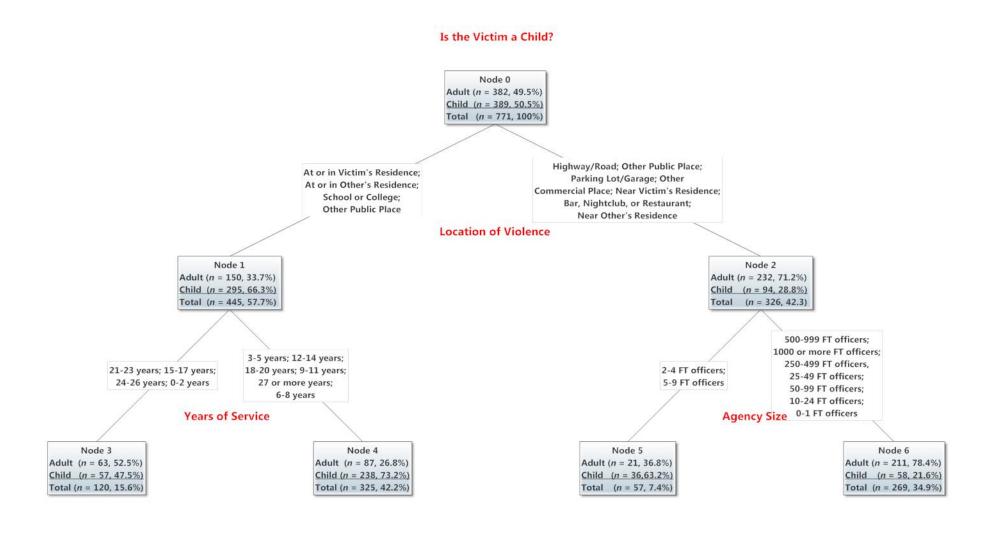
- Alcohol-related Police Crime
- Drug-related Police Crime
- Sex-related Police Crime
- Violence-related Police Crime
- Profit-Motivated Police Crime





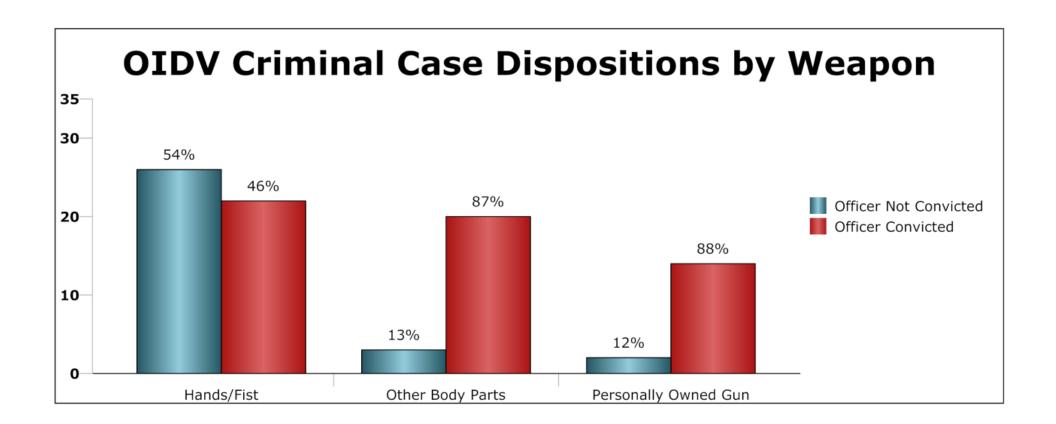


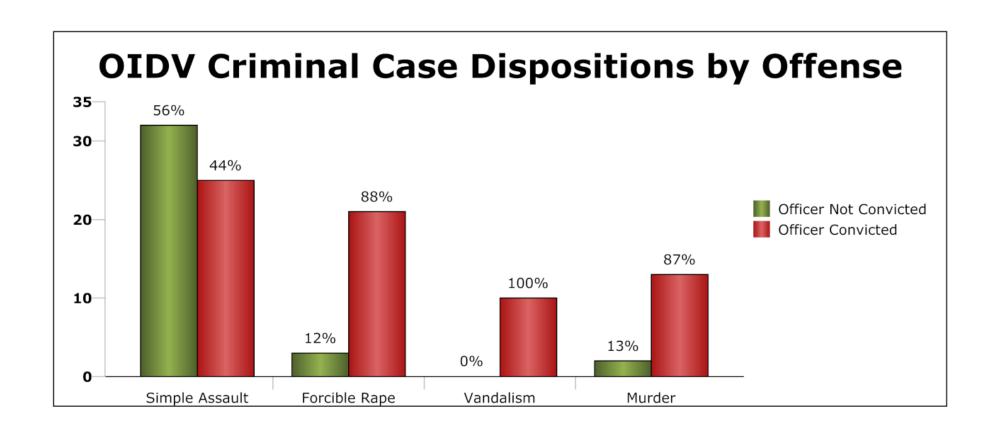
Police Officers Arrested for Sex Crimes



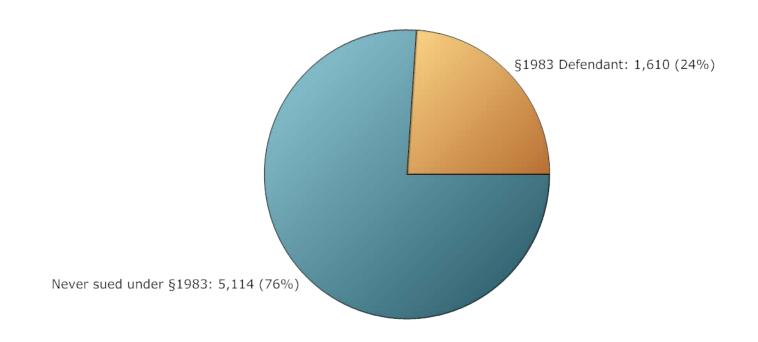
Violence-related Police Crime

- 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

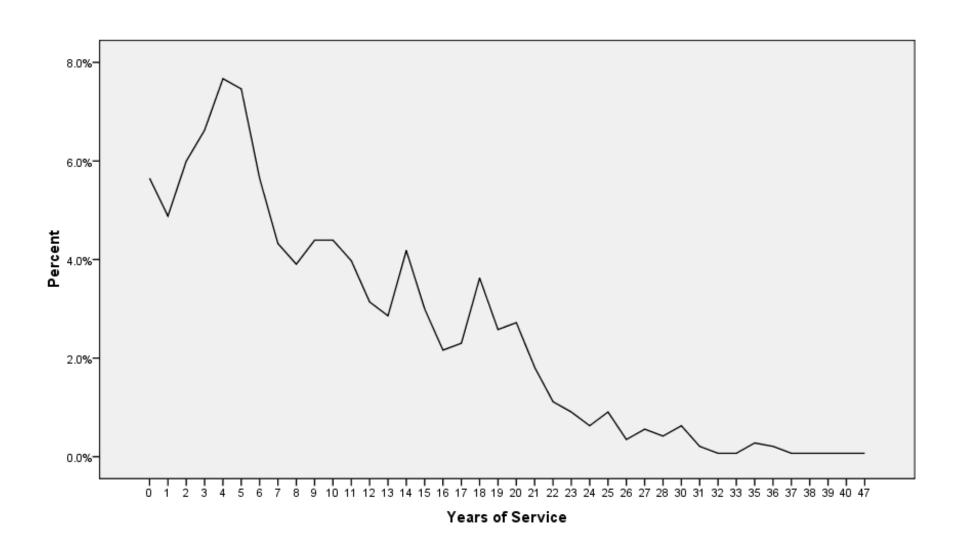




Officers Arrested and 42 U.S.C. §1983



Late-Stage Police Crime



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