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“Numbers” Rule - Everywhere Production pressures can degrade what’s “produced” – and not just in policing

Punishment Isn’t a Cop’s Job (III) Citizens misbehave. Cops answer in kind.

Watching the Watchers Will sanctioning its cops bring Minneapolis back?

Punishment Isn’t a Cop’s Job (II) In Memphis, unremitting violence helps sabotage the craft

Does Race Drive Policing? Renewed concerns that police target Black persons roil Los Angeles

In Two Fell Swoops Ideological struggles buffet California traffic cops and Austin police

What’s Up With Policing? After one and one-half decades it seems that everything’s changed. And nothing.

Full Stop Ahead Floyd and the virus upend policing. Some cops react poorly.

Another Victim: The Craft of Policing Ronald Greene succumbed to police abuse one year before George Floyd. How they perished was appallingly similar.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Chances Some cops repeatedly avoid meaningful sanctions. Then disaster strikes.

Select - Don’t “Elect” When top cops are elected, controls fly out the window

Turning Cops Into Liars Keeping score can distort what officers do

Gold Badges can be the Problem “Ordinary” cops often know what’s best. They should act on it.

Punishment Isn’t a Cop’s Job An officer metes out his brand of discipline. He then faces society’s version.

When Should Cops Lie? NYPD detectives tweak an old approach. But lying is still lying.

A Recipe for Disaster Take an uncertain workplace. Toss in a “mission impossible” and pressures to produce. Voila!

Two Sides of the Same Coin Street gangs and officer cliques have a lot in common

Police Slowdowns (Part II) Cops can’t fix what ails America’s inner cities – and shouldn’t try

Police Slowdowns (Part I) Bedeviled by scolding, cops hold back. What happens then?

Why do Cops Lie? Often, for the same reasons as their managers

Why Do Cops Succeed? Shifting resources from finding fault to studying success

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished To avoid anointing Trump, the FBI Director falls into a trap of his own making

Words Matter In a conflicted, gun-saturated land, heated rhetoric threatens cops’ effectiveness – and their lives

Intended or not, a Very Rough Ride A hung jury and two acquittals mar a prosecutor's crusade against police violence

Orange is the New Brown L.A.'s past sheriff and undersheriff pack their bags for Hotel Fed.

Role Reversal Chicago's falling apart. Who can make the violence stop?

Cooking the Books Has LAPD been using whiteout to fight crime?

Wanted: Dead or Alive A reward was offered: now all that's left is to pay

DOJ v. Sheriff Joe On a mission to quash illegal immigration, a mercurial Arizona sheriff tangles with the Feds

Arresting the Victim A 17-year old girl is arrested for not showing up at the trial of her alleged rapist

The Numbers Game A leaked NYPD internal report confirms that crime stat's were fudged

L.A.S.D. Blue "We police ourselves," insists Sheriff Baca. But running a department takes a lot more.

N.Y.P.D. Blue Allegations of misconduct and corruption beset the nation's largest police force

Rush to Judgment Did cops and prosecutors in L.A. and New York act too hastily? And if so, why?

Meltdown in SoCal When thinking "troubled police," Southern California doesn't usually come to mind. Well, think again.

Be Careful What You Wish For Seattle PD chief welcomes DOJ investigation, calls it a "free audit"

Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely Hours before leaving office, Schwarzenegger commutes the sentence of a friend's son

Answering to a Different Authority When it comes to the death penalty, a would-be Attorney General's fealty to the law has its limits

Never Having to Say You're Sorry The limits – if any – of prosecutorial immunity are the focus of a new Supreme Court case

Before JetBlue There Was Major Dymovsky A Russian cop bails out (figuratively) over corruption. Should we pay attention?

Extreme Measures (Part II) Turning cops into immigration agents invites misconduct and corruption.

A Cop's Dilemma When duty and self-interest collide, ethics can fly out the window

A Ticking Time-Bomb Twenty-four years after being let off the hook, a murderous woman goes on a rampage

Liars Figure Pressured by Compstat, police commanders cook the books

Truth or Consequences A Sheriff needlessly entangles himself, and his agency, in a web of deceit

Ignorance is Not Bliss Playing ostrich about officer misconduct doesn't make it go away

He Said That She Said...But Did She? Does the Cambridge PD report truthfully reflect what a witness said?

When (Very) Hard Heads Collide A professor and a cop revive the race debate. But was it really about that?

Reversal of Fortune No longer a senator or felon, Ted Stevens chuckles as prosecutors feel the heat

You Can Take the Man Out of Chicago... President Obama's appointments belie his reformist message

What Does it Take to Get Fired? When citizen review panels overrule the Chief, discipline suffers

Troubles at the Top Saying "no" costs Alaska's top cop his job

Lying: The Gift That Keeps on Giving Deceiving suspects to get them to confess can backfire

Justice was His Client A prosecutor chooses between what's right and what's expedient

Hoisted by His Own Petard Pornography, a Federal judge discovers, is in the eye of the beholder

Following the Rules Over a Cliff Legal ethics aren't an end: they're a means

Accountability? Not if you're a Sheriff Popularity contests are no way to select law enforcement officers

Mission not Accomplished Supervisors' refusal to exercise oversight leaves the Sheriff unaccountable

Ex-Commish leaves Carona in the dust How law enforcement executives are selected is crucial

You can't manage your way out of Rampart Pressures from above and a drive to succeed can distort officer behavior

Flash: Whitehouse tortures Mukasey! For the would-be Attorney General, waterboarding isn't torture, unless it is

We Get the Cops We Deserve There's a big difference between working mistakes and willful misconduct

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