

CRIMES



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To: Charlie Parr, Chairman, and Members of the House
Judiciary Committee

From: Margaret W. Berck, Staff

Date: September 13, 1979

Subject: Crimes

The attached materials providing crime and disposition statistics were collected by the now defunct Research Division of the Legislative Affairs Agency. These materials are derived from two sources. The crime statistics were taken from Crime in Alaska - 1978, Criminal Justice Planning Agency, Office of the Governor. Part I crimes denote serious felony offenses; Part II crimes denote less serious felony and misdemeanor offenses. The data on disposition and sentences was taken from the plea bargaining study conducted by the Judicial Council. This data spans an earlier time period than the crime and arrests statistics. The statistics on probation and parole violations were furnished to Legislative Affairs by the Division of Corrections. These statistics are inadequate for determining rates of probation or parole violations. Information on this issue will be provided in the Probation and Parole Report assigned to Ms. Plotnick.

PART I
CRIMES REPORTED
1973 - 1978

TABLE 1

YEAR	POPULATION	TOTAL OFFENSES	VIOLENT CRIMES	PROPERTY CRIMES	CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	FORCIBLE RAPE	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	ROBBERY	BURGLARY	LARCENY/THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
1973 Rate Per	330,000 100,000	16,313 4,943.3	1,269 384.5	15,044 4,558.8	33 10.0	147 44.5	868 263.0	221 67.0	3,852 1,167.3	9,456 2,865.5	1,736 526.1
1974 Rate Per	337,000 100,000	17,658 5,239.8	1,527 453.2	16,131 4,786.6	46 13.7	166 49.3	1,017 301.8	298 88.4	3,932 1,166.8	10,016 2,972.1	2,183 647.8
1975 Rate Per	404,000 100,000	21,655 5,413.7	1,859 464.6	19,796 4,949.1	39 9.7	177 44.2	1,176 294.0	467 116.7	4,266 1,066.5	12,179 3,044.8	3,351 837.8
1976 Rate Per	417,000 100,000	23,385 5,567.9	1,983 472.1	21,402 5,095.8	41 9.8	192 45.7	1,264 300.9	486 115.7	4,538 1,080.5	13,817 3,289.8	3,047 725.5
1977 Rate Per	425,000 100,000	25,025 5,819.7	1,949 453.2	23,076 5,366.5	47 10.9	255 59.3	1,232 286.5	415 96.5	5,634 1,310.2	14,072 3,272.6	3,370 783.7
1978 Rate Per	420,000 100,000	24,001 5,714.5	1,729 411.7	22,272 5,302.8	54 12.9	254 60.5	1,042 248.1	379 90.2	5,330 1,269.0	14,212 3,383.8	2,730 650.0

Advance Copy from Crime in Alaska, 1978, Criminal Justice Planning Agency

PART II CRIMES

As in 1976, the Alaska State Troopers and Juneau Police Department collected and submitted data about reported Part II crimes. The State Troopers jurisdiction covers a wide cross-section of the state's population and therefore is indicative of the statewide relationship between Part I and Part II crimes.

Table 45 presents an analysis of the Part I and Part II crimes reported to the State Troopers during 1975-1977. During 1977, Part I crimes accounted for fifty-five percent and Part II crimes for forty-five percent. The Part I crimes are accounting for an increasing portion of the offenses reported.

Those offenses which account for the majority of the Part II crimes are Driving While Intoxicated (12%), Vandalism (9%), Other Offenses (7%), Other Assaults (5%), Narcotic Drug Violations (2%), Carrying or Possession of Weapons (2%), and Embezzlement or Fraud (2%). The remainder represent one percent or less.

Those offenses which showed an increase over their contribution in 1976 are Driving While Intoxicated (+1%) and Vandalism (+1%). Narcotic Drug Violations and Other Offenses showed decreases of one and two percent, respectively. All other offenses stayed at the same rate of contribution.

ALASKA STATE TROOPERS
Reported Part I and Part II Offenses
1975-1977

TABLE 45

Offense	1975		1976		1977	
	Offenses	Percent	Offenses	Percent	Offenses	Percent
Total Part I Offenses	6,266	47%	7,087	54%	7,480	55%
Part II Offenses						
Negligent Homicide	99	1%	97	1%	67	1%
Other Assaults	658	5%	686	5%	668	5%
Forgery & Counterfeiting	62	1%	63	*	142	1%
Embezzlement & Fraud	242	2%	249	2%	225	2%
Stolen Property	50	*	49	*	64	*
Weapons	226	2%	245	2%	216	2%
Prostitution & Vice	33	*	11	*	8	*
Sex Offenses	145	1%	125	1%	132	1%
Offenses Against Family	67	*	43	*	37	*
Narcotic Drug	618	5%	344	3%	322	2%
Liquor Laws	172	1%	149	1%	138	1%
Drunkenness	11	*				
Disorderly Conduct	126	1%	144	1%	106	1%
Vagrancy	1	*			2	*
Gambling	20	*	6	*	3	*
Driving While Intoxicated	1,563	12%	1,403	11%	1,629	12%
Vandalism	961	7%	1,101	8%	1,196	9%
Arson	72	1%	69	1%	81	1%
Other Offenses	1,883	14%	1,184	9%	1,021	7%
Total Part II Offenses	7,029	53%	5,968	46%	6,077	45%
Total Part I & II Offenses	13,295	100%	13,055	100%	13,557	100%

* Less than 1%

Table 46 presents the distribution of the offenses reported to the Juneau Police Department. Part I crimes accounted for twenty-two percent and Part II crimes for seventy-eight percent of the total offenses reported during 1977. This distribution is radically different from 1976's but identical to 1975's.

During 1977, those offenses which accounted for the largest proportions were Disorderly Conduct (29%), Other Offenses (12%), Vandalism (9%), Liquor Law Violations (9%), Other Assaults (8%), Driving While Intoxicated (5%) and Narcotic Drug Violations (2%).

Those offenses which showed increases were Disorderly Conduct (+12%), Other Assaults (+6%), and Other Offenses (+2%). Narcotic Drug Violations (-2%), Vandalism (-2%), Liquor Law Violations (-1%) and Driving While Intoxicated (-1%) showed decreases.

JUNEAU POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPORTED PART I & PART II OFFENSES
1975 - 1977

TABLE 46

OFFENSE	1975		1976		1977	
	Offenses	Percent	Offenses	Percent	Offenses	Percent
Total Part I Offenses	908	22%	892	33%	623	22%
Total Part II Offenses						
Negligent Homicide	0		0		0	
Other Assaults	144	3%	60	2%	254	8%
Tampering & Counterfeiting	26	1%	11	*	19	1%
Embezzlement & Fraud	45	1%	17	1%	50	1%
Stolen Property	11	*	9	*	8	*
Weapons	15	*	14	1%	25	1%
Prostitution & Vice	5	*	6	*		
Sex Offenses	9	*	12	*	16	1%
Off. A/Family	15	*	22	1%	8	*
Narcotic Drug	181	5%	107	4%	52	2%
Liquor Laws	225	7%	277	10%	253	9%
Drunkness	509	12%	82	3%	1	*
Disorderly Conduct	1,018	25%	450	17%	835	29%
Vagrancy			1			
Gambling	1	*				
Driving While Intoxicated	206	5%	161	6%	153	5%
Vandalism	159	5%	303	11%	260	9%
Arson	2	*	6	*	3	*
Other Offenses	412	10%	257	10%	363	12%
Total Part II Offenses	3,223	78%	3,797	67%	2,260	78%
Total Part I & Part II Offenses	4,131	100%	2,689	100%	2,883	100%

* LESS THAN 1%

STATE OF ALASKA
Clearance Rates
Part I Offenses
1977

TABLE 47

	Actual Offenses*	Offenses Cleared**	Percent Cleared
Murder - Non-negligent Manslaughter	43	31	72
Forcible Rape	211	66	31
Rape by force	155	47	30
Attempts to commit forcible rape	56	19	34
Robbery	394	83	21
Firearm	220	53	24
Knife or cutting instrument	41	10	24
Other dangerous weapon	17	3	18
Strong-arm (hands, fist, feet, etc.)	116	17	15
Aggravated Assault	1,147	741	65
Firearm	399	249	62
Knife or cutting instrument	227	143	63
Other dangerous weapon	192	120	63
Hands, fist, feet, etc. - Aggravated Injury	329	229	70
Burglary	5,400	892	17
Forcible entry	3,128	571	18
Unlawful entry - no force	1,948	300	15
Attempted forcible entry	324	21	6
Larceny - Theft	13,665	3,000	22
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,058	361	12
Autos	1,469	166	11
Trucks and buses	755	107	14
Other vehicles	834	88	11
TOTAL PART I OFFENSES	23,918	5,174	22

* Reported offenses less Unfounded Complaints

** Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional means

STATE OF ALASKA
1977 ARRESTS
BY OFFENSE AND AGE

TABLE 64

OFFENSE	Under 18	18to24	25 & Over	Row Total
Count -				
Row % -				
Column % -	13%	38%	59%	100%
MURDER	* 3%	* 38%	* 59%	* 100%
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2 14%	6 43%	6 43%	14 100%
FORCIBLE RAPE	3 5%	25 41%	33 54%	61 100%
ROBBERY	35 28%	64 52%	24 20%	123 100%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	49 11%	150 33%	259 56%	458 100%
BURGLARY	714 63%	329 29%	86 8%	1,129 100%
LARCENY-THEFT	1,618 54%	742 25%	642 21%	3,002 100%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	223 56%	125 31%	50 13%	398 100%
OTHER ASSAULTS	104 10%	376 36%	567 54%	1,047 100%
ARSON	27 63%	6 14%	10 23%	43 100%
FORGERY & COUNTERFEIT	23 28%	28 35%	30 37%	81 100%
FRAUD	13 7%	65 36%	104 57%	182 100%
EMBEZZLEMENT	14 24%	26 44%	19 32%	59 100%
STOLEN PROPERTY	49 37%	55 41%	30 22%	134 100%
VANDALISM	256 51%	132 26%	116 23%	504 100%
WEAPONS	66 17%	157 39%	176 44%	399 100%

* LESS THAN 1%

OFFENSE	Under 18	18to24	25 & Over	Row Total
PROSTITUTION	9 5%	105 60%	61 35%	175 100%
SEX OFFENSES	26 14%	51 28%	108 58%	185 100%
DRUG ABUSE	394 49%	262 33%	141 18%	797 100%
GAMBLING OFFENSES	7 8%	79 92%	86 100%	
AGAINST FAMILY	1 27%	126 27%	334 73%	461 100%
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE	74 2%	1,000 29%	2,430 69%	3,504 100%
LIQUOR LAWS	915 50%	474 26%	429 24%	1,818 100%
DRUNKENNESS	3 2%	47 25%	137 73%	187 100%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	120 8%	688 43%	778 49%	1,586 100%
VAGRANCY	1 5%	16 16%	79 79%	96 100%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	424 12%	1,472 43%	1,545 45%	3,441 100%
SUSPICION	5 83%	1 17%	6 100%	
CURFEW AND LOITERING	566 100%			566 100%
RUNAWAYS	294 100%			294 100%
Part I Count-	2,643	1,448	1,114	5,205
Row % -	51%	28%	21%	100%
Column % -	44%	22%	14%	25%
Part II Count-	3,388	5,087	7,115	15,590
Row % -	22%	33%	45%	100%
Column % -	56%	78%	86%	75%
TOTAL Count-	6,031	6,535	8,229	20,795

PART I

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DISPOSITION OF ARRESTED FELONY CASES
ANCHORAGE, FAIRBANKS, AND JUNEAU 1975-76*

	<u>NUMBER OF CASES</u>	<u>CASES THAT DID NOT GO TO COURT</u>	<u>CASES DISMISSED BY COURT</u>	<u>CASES WITH GUILTY PLEA</u>	<u>CASES TRIED</u>
Class I Murder & Kidnapping	19	0	5 26.3%	4 21.1%	10 52.6%
Class II Other Violent Felonies	497	57 11.5%	221 44.4%	155 31.2%	64 12.9%
Class III Burglary, Larceny & Receiving	598	73 12.2%	237 39.6%	259 43.3%	29 4.9%
Class IV Fraud, Forgery, & Embezzlement	252	17 6.7%	157 62.3%	66 26.2%	12 4.8%
Class V Drug Felonies	360	64 17.8%	179 49.7%	83 23.1%	34 9.4%
Class VI "Morals" Felonies	45	9 20%	19 42.2%	17 37.8%	0
TOTAL	1771	220 12.4%	818 46.2%	584 33%	149 8.4%

* Data from the plea bargaining study by the Judicial Council

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Table VI-1. Percentage of All Cases Resulting in Conviction and Active Sentence of Thirty Days or More, by Offense Class, Time Period, and Year

(Percentage Base in Parentheses)

<u>Felony Offense Class</u>	<u>Period 1</u>	<u>Period 2</u>	<u>Period 3</u>	<u>Period 4</u>	<u>Year 1 (1974-75)</u>	<u>Year 2 (1975-76)</u>
<u>Class 1</u> (Murder and kidnapping)	60.0% (10)	42.9% (14)	58.3% (12)	42.9% (7)	50.0% (24)	52.6% (19)
<u>Class 2</u> (Violent felonies other than murder and kidnapping)	21.9 (233)	22.0 (314)	24.2 (240)	20.6 (257)	21.9 (547)	22.3 (497)
<u>Class 3</u> (Burglary, larceny, receiving)	11.7 (273)	14.2 (261)	15.7 (325)	20.9 (273)	12.9 (534)	18.1 ¹ (598)
<u>Class 4</u> (Fraud, forgery, embezzlement, felony bad checks)	17.4 (155)	16.1 (143)	9.2 (152)	22.0 (100)	16.8 (298)	14.3 (252)
<u>Class 5</u> (Drug felonies)	13.9 (144)	15.4 (208)	20.6 (194)	12.0 (166)	14.8 (352)	16.7 (360)
<u>Class 6</u> ("Morals" felonies)	18.9 (37)	13.0 (23)	20.8 (24)	19.0 (21)	16.7 (60)	20.0 (45)
<u>All Felonies</u>	16.8 (852)	17.7 (963)	18.5 (947)	19.3 (824)	17.2 (1815)	18.9 (1771)

1. Year 1 - Year 2 difference significant at .05 or less.

Table VII-1. Mean Active Sentences, in Months, for Offense Classes and
Frequently Occurring Specific Offenses, by City and Policy Year

Offense Class ²

All Cities
1974-75 1975-76

	1974-75	1975-76
Class 1 Murder and kidnaping	171.2	238.8
Class 2 Other violent felonies	24.8	22.7
Class 3 Burglary, larceny, receiving	6.8	4.3
Class 4 Forgery, fraud, embezzlement	9.5	6.2
Class 5 Drug felonies	8.0	25.4
Class 6 "Morals" felonies	25.5	16.6

Anchorage
1974-75 1975-76

Fairbanks
1974-75 1975-76

Juneau
1974-75 1975-76

<u>Class 1</u>	1974-75	1975-76	1974-75	1975-76	1974-75	1975-76
	93.4	258.4	262.0	211.2	----	---- ¹

<u>Class 2</u>	13.9	24.6	38.9	22.1	24.0	0.6
Rape ³	69.0	115.5	120.0	72.0	----	----
Robbery	32.3	25.8	108.0	35.6	----	----
Attempted robbery	4.8	33.5	----	----	----	----
Use of firearms in robbery, etc.	----	----	82.3	64.5	----	----
Assault with dangerous weapon	16..	11.7	16.0	20.3	4.3	1.3
Misd. assault and battery	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.2
Misd. careless use of firearm	0.2	0.2	----	----	----	----

<u>Class 3</u>	5.0	4.0	11.3	5.0	1.5	2.7
Burglary in dwelling-occupied	22.0	7.5	1.0	1.5	----	--
Burglary not in dwelling	2.5	6.1	4.4	12.1	6.5	5.2
Larceny over \$100	5.0	3.7	37.2	10.0	----	----
Buying, receiving, concealing stolen property	4.0	2.7	13.5	5.7	----	----
Misd. unauthorized entry	0.6	1.7	0.1	1.8	0.4	0.4
Misd. larceny	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.3	----	----
Misd. buying, receiving, concealing stolen property	----	----	0.0	0.7	----	----

1. Dash indicates sample very small or no cases.
2. Indicates class of felony initially charged. Offense of which defendant convicted may be misdemeanor or lesser felony, but is usually of same type as original.
3. Specific offenses named are those of which defendant was actually convicted.

Table VII-1. (Continued)

	Anchorage		Fairbanks		Juneau	
	1974-75	1975-76	1974-75	1975-76	1974-75	1975-76
<u>Class 4</u>	10.2	7.8	8.5	3.1	8.7	7.3
Forgery of debt	18.0	11.3	15.9	12.0	----	----
Bad check over \$50	1.7	3.0	----	----	----	----
Embezzlement by employee over \$100	3.4	12.0	----	----	----	----
Fraudulent use of credit card	----	----	0.0	0.0	----	----
Obtaining property by false pretenses	40.0	1.5	0.0	0.1	----	----
<u>Class 5</u>	11.0	10.0	0.9	47.1	9.6	5.5
Possession of narcotic	0.0	21.0	0.5	33.9	----	----
Sale of narcotic	18.5	9.6	3.0	71.6	----	----
Possession of HDS drug for sale	5.5	13.7	----	----	----	----
Sale of HDS drug	14.6	9.6	0.7	0.0	----	----
Misd. simple possession of HDS (excluding marijuana)	0.5	0.0	----	----	----	----
<u>Class 6</u>	22.1	6.0	34.7	36.0	3.0	0.1

(Sample sizes for specific Class 6 offenses too small for comparison of means.)

TO : Sharman Haley
Legislative Affairs Agency

DATE: February 22, 1979

FILE NO.

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FROM: Dr. Richard Mohr *RM*
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Division of Corrections

SUBJECT: Parole Statistics

The frequencies which you requested are noted in the table below. I am sorry that there is nothing in our records which identifies the specific nature of offenses leading to violations. If you wish further amplification, please call me at 465-3377.

		<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
PROBATION	New charges	65	58
	Technical Violations	41	46
PAROLE	New Charges	13	15
	Technical Violations	16	14

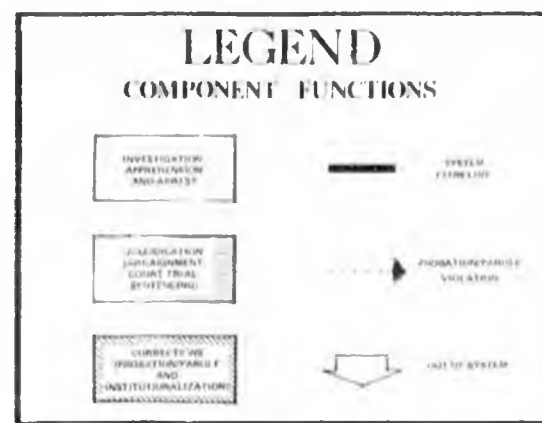
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cc: Walt Jones

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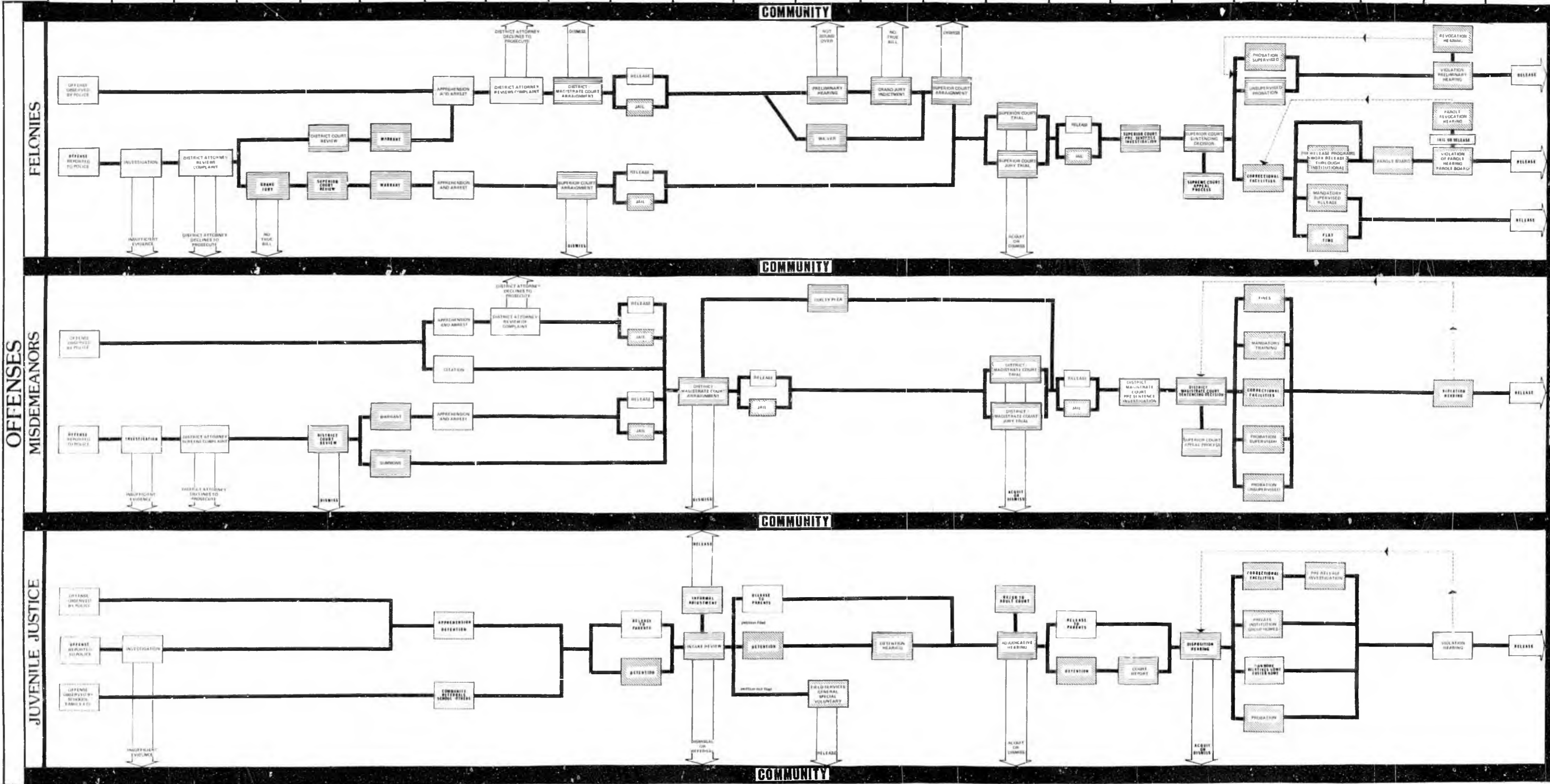
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OFFENSE COMES TO NOTICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	POLICE INVESTIGATION	DISTRICT ATTORNEY SCREENS	GRAND JURY HEARS	COURT REVIEWS	COURT ORDERS	POLICE DETAIN ACCUSED	DISTRICT ATTORNEY REVIEWS COMPLAINT	COURT ARRAIGNMENT	CUSTODY STATUS DECIDED	COURT ARRAIGNMENT	CUSTODY STATUS DECIDED	HEARING/WAIVER/PLEAS	GRAND JURY HEARS CASE	COURT ARRAIGNMENT	COURT TRIES	CUSTODY STATUS DECIDED	COURT INVESTIGATES PRE-SENTENCE	COURT SENTENCES	SENTENCE OPTIONS: CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVES	CORRECTION PROGRAMS	PAROLE, SUPERVISED RELEASE	VIOLATIONS	RELEASE FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
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