LAW AND ORDER AND WHITE POWER: WHITE SUPREMACIST INFILTRATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE NEED TO ELIMINATE RACISM IN THE RANKS

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Law enforcement officials must guard against not only external threats, but also internal threats. An internal threat is white supremacist infiltration of law enforcement. White supremacy ideology and law enforcement have been conjoined since the Colonial Period. In the modern era, white supremacists continue to seek positions in law enforcement to advance their cause. The election of the first black president has revivified these supremacists’ efforts to advance their cause. Equal enforcement of the law requires law enforcement employers to adopt a zero-tolerance policy that discharges racist officers in the ranks. Courts look favorably on efforts to rid law enforcement of racists. Such efforts benefit police departments, local communities, and society.

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