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## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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### Policy Issue Resources

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Examining the Costs and Consequences of Charging for Justice in New Orleans

In 2015, government agencies in New Orleans collected \$4.5 million in the form of bail, fines and fees from people involved in the criminal justice system and, by extension, from their families. Another \$4.7 million was transferred from the pockets of residents to for-profit bail bond agents. These costs have become the subject of considerable publ ...

A Plan to End Money Injustice in New Orleans

The role that money in the form of bail, fines and fees plays in criminal justice systems has come under increased focus. These practices have long plagued New Orleans, driving jail incarceration and costing struggling families most of them black millions. Two federal courts recently ruled that judges cannot lawfully impose money bail or enforce co ...

A look at how bail, fines, and fees in the criminal justice system impact poor communities in New Orleans

The New Orleans criminal justice system, like many other local systems across the country, operates significantly on funding generated from the people cycling through it from bail and associated fees before trial, to fines and fees levied after conviction. These practices come with hidden costs to defendants the majority of whom are poor and black ...

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