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## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

**<https://www.vera.org/research/gender-awareness-training-for-sheriffs-deputies>**

## Policy Issue Resources

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Stories that tell the human toll of local incarceration

The Misuse of Jails in America

Local jails exist in nearly every town and city in America. Intended to house only people deemed to be a danger to society or a flight risk, jails have become massive warehouses primarily for those too poor to post even low bail or too sick for existing community resources to help. And the burden of jail incarceration doesn't fall on everyone equal ...

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