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Law Enforcement

SCOPE: This guide is an introduction to research aids in law enforcement and related topics. The publications listed are located in GAO's libraries. Items in the Law Library, room 7056, are indicated by the word LAW preceding the call number; all other items listed are in the Audit Reference Services Library, room 6536. Both libraries are open weekdays from 8:00 to 4:45. The library staff is available to help you. For extensive research assistance, contact the librarian assigned to work with your division. If you are in a regional office which has a technical information specialist (TIS), consult him or her; if your office does not have a TIS, contact the GAO library staff directly.

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SUBJECT HEADINGS

The subject catalog of books in the GAO library collections lists books under Library of Congress subject headings. Some of the most frequently used subject headings related to law enforcement are listed below. Consult library staff for additional terms describing a particular topic.

Computer crimes

Correctional institutions

Corrections

Crime and criminals

Crime prevention

Criminal investigation

Criminal justice, administration of

Drug abuse

Federal aid to law enforcement agencies

Fraud

Justice, administration of

Law enforcement

Organized crime

Police

Prisons

Rehabilitation of criminals

Violence

Victims of crimes

White collar crimes

REPRESENTATIVE BOOKS

The following brief list indicates the range of subjects included in GAO's libraries.

Baker, Ralph, and Fred A Meyer, Jr. Evaluating Alternative Law-Enforcement Policies. Lexington, Mass.: Lexington, 1979.

HV8141.E92

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HV5824.Y68Y68

Jacoby, Joan. The American Prosecutor: A Search for Identity. Lexington, Mass.: Lexington, 1980.

LAW KF9640.J28

Kinnane, Adrian. Policing. Chicago: Nelson-Hall, 1979.

HV7921.K56

Palmer, Ted. Correctional Intervention and Research: Current Issues and Future Prospects. Lexington, Mass.: Lexington, 1978.

HV9275.P34

Additional books on law enforcement and criminal justice are shelved under the following call numbers:

HV5800-5840	Drug abuse
HV6001-9920	Criminology; includes crimes and offenses, corrections, police, crime prevention, etc.
KF8700-9075	Courts (mainly in Law Library)
KF9201-9760	Criminal law and procedure (mainly in Law Library)
Z5118; Z5703-5704	Bibliographies and indexes; these are shelved in the reference collection

ANNUAL REVIEWS

Criminal Law Review. New York: Clark Boardman, 1979- .

LAW KF 9218.C7

Criminology Review Yearbook. Beverly Hills, Calif.:
Sage, v.1- , 1979-

HV6001.C75

DICTIONARIES

Beckman, Erik. The Criminal Justice Dictionary. Ann Arbor,
Mich.: Pierian Press, 1979.

REF HV6017.B4

Black, Henry C. Black's Law Dictionary. 5th ed. St. Paul,
Minn.: West, 1979.

REF
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ABSTRACTING AND INDEXING SERVICES

The following publications index journal articles and some-
times other publications by subject. Unlike bibliographies,
which are usually one-time publications, indexing and abstract-
ing services are continued and kept up to date by regular
issues. The date given for each publication listed is the
date of GAO's oldest issue.

A. Major sources:

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Council on Crime and Delinquency, 1978--

REF Z6455.C9C7

Criminal Justice Periodicals Index. Ann Arbor, Mich.:
University Microfilms, 1975--

LAW REF Z5118.C9C74

Index to Legal Periodicals. New York: Wilson, 1926--

LAW REF KF8.I55

Index to Periodical Articles Related to Law. Dobbs
Ferry, N.Y.: Glanville, 1958/58--

LAW REF Z6456.I56

United States. National Criminal Justice Reference Service. Document Retrieval Index. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1972/78-

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(Ask at reference desk)

B. Additional sources which may be useful:

New York Times Index. New York: New York Times, 1953--

REF AI21.N44

Public Affairs Information Service Bulletin. New York: Public Affairs Information Service, 1969/70--

REF Z7163.P9

Sage Public Administration Abstracts, Beverly Hills, Calif.: Sage, 1974--

REF Z7164.A2S2

Sage Urban Studies Abstracts. Beverly Hills, Calif.: Sage, 1974--

REF Z7164.U7S2

Social Sciences Index. Bronx, N.Y.: Wilson, 1974/75--

REF A13.S6

Urban Affairs Abstracts. Washington: National League of Cities, 1972--

REF Z7164.U7U7

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Davis, Bruce L. Criminological Bibliographies: Uniform Citations to Bibliographies, Indexes, and Review Articles of the Literature of Crime Study in the United States. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 1978.

REF Z5703.A1D38

Felkenes, George T., and Harold K. Becker. Law Enforcement: A Selected Bibliography. 2nd ed. Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow, 1977.

REF Z5703.4.C73F44

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Lagergren, Thomas R., and Kathleen A. Pitt. International Criminology and Criminal Justice: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1977.

REF Z5118.C9L3

McDowell, Charles P. International Guide to Periodicals in Criminal Justice. Greensboro, N.C.: Sandy Ridge Press and North Carolina Justice Institute, 1979.

REF Z5703.4.C73M33

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LAW REF Z6455.C9N56

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LAW REF Z5118.C9R3

Rand Corporation. Criminal Justice: A Bibliography of Selected Rand Publications. Santa Monica, Calif.: Rand, 1977.

REF Z1217.R3
no. 1059 1977

Wolfgang, Marvin E., Robert M. Figlio, and Terence P. Thornberry. Criminology Index: Research in Criminology in the United States, 1945-1972. New York: Elsevier, 1975.

REF Z5118.C9W64

B. Topical Bibliographies

1. Crime and crime prevention

Boston, Guy D, Community Crime Prevention: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1977.

REF Z5118.C9B675

-----Crime Against the Elderly: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1977.

REF Z5118.C9B68

Brenner, Robert N., and Marjorie Kravitz. Private Security: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1978.

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Chappell, Duncan, and Faith Fogarty. Forcible Rape: A Literature Review and Annotated Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service. 1978.

REF Z5703.4.R35C5

Duncan, J.T. Skip, Marc Caplan, and Marjorie Kravitz. Arson: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1979.

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Brantley, James R. Alternatives to Institutionalization: A Definitive Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1979.

REF Z5703.4.C67B72

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REF Z5118.C9L4

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REF Z5118.C9R4

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Work Release: A Selected Bibliography. Washington:
U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference
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REF Z5118.C9H6

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O'Brien, Kevin E. Juvenile Diversion: A Selected Bibliography. 2d ed. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1977.

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4. Police

Brenner, Robert N., and Marjorie Kravitz. Police Discretion: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1978.

REF Z7164.P76B7

-----Police Management: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1978.

REF Z7164.P76B73

Cavagnaro, Diane M. Forensic Science: A Bibliography with Abstracts. Springfield, Va.: U.S. National Technical Information Service, 1979.

REF Z6672.J9C3

Marcus, Marvin, et al. Police Consolidation: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1976.

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5. Improving the Justice System

Boston, Guy D. Techniques for Project Evaluation: A Selected Bibliography. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 1977.

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REF Z5118.C9U57

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Heaphy, John F. Police Practices: The General Administrative Survey. Kansas City, Mo.: Police Foundation, 1978.

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Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics. Washington: U.S. National Criminal Justice Information and Statistics Service, 1973-

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REF HV6787.S68

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REF Z7554.S8

United States. Bureau of the Census. Statistical Abstract of the United States. Washington: The Bureau, 1878- .

Published annually. Library retains all editions, beginning with 1943. Latest edition in reference; additional circulating copy. Earlier editions circulate. Also available as ASI microfiche 2324-1 by year.

REF HA202.A33

United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation. Uniform Crime Reports for the United States. Washington: The Bureau, 1978. Cover title: Crime in the United States.

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REF HV6787.A3

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REF HN60.U54 1977

SELECTED JOURNALS

The following list indicates some of the law enforcement and criminal justice journals GAO receives. Additional journals of interest are listed in International Guide to Periodicals in Criminal Justice (REF Z5703.4.C73M33).

Audit Reference Services Collection:

Crime and Delinquency
Corrections
Drug Enforcement
FBI Law Enforcement Journal
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Police Chief

Law Library Collection:

American Criminal Law Review
Criminal Justice Newsletter
Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
Justice System Journal
Judicature

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)

Operated under contract to the U.S. Department of Justice, NCJRS is a clearinghouse for criminal justice information. NCJRS maintains a data base containing citations and abstracts of criminal justice publications. This data base is currently available to GAO staff in two ways. NCJRS reference specialists will search the data base upon request, and can usually provide results in two weeks. If faster service is essential, the GAO librarian or technical information specialist assigned to work with your division or regional office can search the NCJRS data base through a commercial computer system. For further information on requesting computer searches, see paragraph C, below.

In addition to maintaining a data base, NCJRS provides a free Selective Notification of Information Service (SNI), whereby subscribers periodically receive a pamphlet describing recent publications on various criminal justice topics. NCJRS also has a reading room which is open to the public.

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B. Directories

The following publications identify individuals, organizations, or programs in law enforcement and criminal justice.

American Correctional Association. Directory: Juvenile and Adult Correctional Departments, Institutions, Agencies and Paroling Authorities. College Park, Md.: American Correctional Association.

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REF HV8138.D5

National Directory of Law Enforcement Administrators and Correctional Institutions. Milwaukee: National Police Chief and Sheriffs Information Bureau. Latest edition in reference.

REF HV8130.N32

C. Computer Search Services

GAO's libraries have access to a number of computer files which contain bibliographic and legal information, and are used to compile lists of articles, books, legislation, etc., on a particular topic. Many of these files are described in GAO Order 0650.2. To request a computer search, contact the librarian assigned to work with your GAO division. If you are in a regional office which has a technical information specialist (TIS), contact him or her for assistance; if your regional office does not have a TIS, contact the GAO library staff directly.