



MEDIA ADVISORY

Pronounced racial and ethnic disparities in Multnomah County's criminal justice system revealed by new report

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WHAT: Media briefing about the Multnomah County Racial and Ethnic Disparities report highlighting inequitable treatment of people of color throughout the criminal justice system.

WHEN: Thursday, February 11th, 2016, at 8 a.m.

WHERE: ACLU of Oregon, 506 SW 6th Ave, 7th Floor, Portland.

WHO: Lane Borg, Executive Director, Metropolitan Public Defender Services
Jann Carson, Associate Director, ACLU of Oregon
Andy Ko, Executive Director, Partnership for Safety and Justice
Bobbin Singh, Executive Director, Oregon Justice Resource Center

Dr. Mark Leymon, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Portland State University will also be present to provide analysis of the data contained in the report

DETAILS: The Racial and Ethnic Disparities Report shows that people of color are present in greater numbers than white people at every stage of the journey through the criminal justice system, from case referrals to the district attorney through to sentencing, parole and probation.

Our organizations will interpret the report at the briefing. We stand together to call on the County to address the damage the inequitable treatment of people of color has caused to our communities and to build a criminal justice system that no longer over-criminalizes communities of color.

The RED report was produced as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety & Justice Challenge. Multnomah County was one of 20 jurisdictions that received a grant to study racial and ethnic disparities experienced by those passing through the criminal justice system.

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A call-in number will be available if you're unable to make it to the media briefing. Press release to follow.