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Center for Policing Equity Releases Statement on Justice Department's Report on the Ferguson Police Department

LOS ANGELES, CA -- Today, Center for Policing Equity President and Co-founder Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff released the following statement about the Department of Justice's report on the Ferguson Police Department:

"The Department of Justice's (DOJ) report today stating that the Ferguson Police Department routinely violated the constitutional rights of African-Americans underscores a sobering fact: it is easier to prove patterns of racial bias than instances of it.

"Now, as the nation reflects on last year's difficult summer of racial tension, and the continuing tensions between communities and the police sworn to protect them, we see two diverging patterns.

"The first is the high bar of demonstrating that any individual police officer has violated the law. The second is the expanding role of the DOJ in holding police departments accountable for patterns and practices of racial disparity.

"Though it is disappointing that our current laws do not reflect this reality, it is this same discrepancy that requires the work of the Center for Policing Equity -- and so many others -- to move forward with all due diligence and urgency."

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