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Criminology 102

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This week, I've been following NYT articles to see what types of crimes have been occurring around us. Crimes like assault, shootings and lawsuits have been the majority of what I have discovered for the most part.

"15-Year-Old Is Arrested in Shooting of a Tourist in Times Square" talks about migrant 15 yr old Jesus Alejandro Rivas Figueroa who fired shots in a JD Sports Store in Time Square and in the process injured a tourist. While fleeing the scene he shot at 2 officers, he was later caught and suspected of participating in an armored robbery in the Bronx and a past shooting incident. Mentions of a past incident that involved 7 migrants was also reported, in later footage it was shown that these men were supposedly kicking officers. It is later revealed that before that officers were using restrain towards the men who were willingly cooperating.

“One Killed and 5 Wounded in Shooting at Bronx Subway Station” this article talks about the shooting that took place in the Bronx at Mount Eden Avenue Station. The victims consisted of a 35-year-old man who was killed, and 5 other people, by the ages of 15-71 who were left wounded. This whole incident occurred because of a dispute between two groups of teens, one of the people involved in the dispute started firing nonstop even while people were running away for cover. The incident was described by many as horrifying, the police department assures the citizens that shooting incidents have decreased based on their data. It is said that becoming a victim to this kind of subway crime is very low and that officials are doing everything they can “to get guns off the streets.”

“Brooklyn Man Is Charged th Assaulting Police Officers at Jan. 6 Riot” Mr. Bosch, 44, was charged with civil disorder, assault and resisting officers, as well as trespassing Capitol grounds illegally. He and 1,300 other people are all facing these charges in connection with the riot that occurred on January 6. All former supporters of Mr. Trump, they stormed the Capitol and demanded they halt the certification of the winner of the 2020 election, which was Joe Biden. Video footage was presented, and it showed Mr. Bosch actively participating with the rioters in resisting police restrain and participated in several other altercations. He had plans of running for city council but ultimately did not qualify.

“Migrant Crime Wave’ Not Supported by Data, Despite High-Profile Cases” talks about a major “migrant crime wave” rising and that many are worried for their safety. Mayor Eric Adams from the Bronx stated, “A migrant crime wave is washing over our city”, New York City’s

Police Department statistics argue the opposite and state that the crime rates have been decreasing. But because of these talks about migrants many have spoken out and stated they

sense hostility towards them from all around. Many are attacking innocent migrants and judging them based on the crimes that are occurring. Policies were put in place, and example is the curfew migrant shelters deal with. Many speak out and state that they are only here to live a better life, José Rodriguez, 32, stated “That’s terrible for us,” he said. “Most of us are coming here for a good life.”

“Two of Epstein’s Closest Advisers Are Sued by His Victims” John Epstein’s lawyer and accountant are now being sued by victims for taking part in the sex trafficking. Many state that they had to have taken part since Epstein named them both major beneficiaries of a trust he built. They said they had to have known that their actions were enabling his activities, both claim that they reject any wrongdoing in Epstein’s scheme. Both claim to not knowing anything and only found out when Epstein had perished, along with that none of Epstein’s assistants came forward to report anything. Both are said to have provided \$155 million in restitution for over 125 victims, this action made it seem that there was no reason for them to be attacked.

“15-Year-Old Is Arrested in Shooting of a Tourist in Times Square” February 9, 2024

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/09/nyregion/times-square-shooting-nyc.html?searchResultPosition=3>

“One Killed and 5 Wounded in Shooting at Bronx Subway Station” February 12, 2024

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/12/nyregion/bronx-subway-shooting.html?searchResultPosition=5>

“Brooklyn Man Is Charged With Assaulting Police Officers at Jan. 6 Riot” February 14, 2024

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/14/nyregion/jan-6-brooklyn-man-charged.html?searchResultPosition=6>

“Migrant Crime Wave’ Not Supported by Data, Despite High-Profile Cases” February 15, 2024

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/15/nyregion/migrants-crime-nyc.html?searchResultPosition=1>

“Two of Epstein’s Closest Advisers Are Sued by His Victims” February 16, 2024

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/16/business/epstein-advisers-lawsuit.html?searchResultPosition=1>