

Batterers with a Badge: Domestic violence within the criminal justice community

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By committing crimes on domestic violence, criminal justice employees not only violate the law, but also the trust placed in them by the citizens they have sworn to protect. Criminal justice leaders must acknowledge that this problem exists and take proactive steps to address it. To meet this challenge requires the willingness to recognize mistakes made in the past and to use those examples to guide the profession in the right direction. This research examines the problem of officers who commit acts of domestic violence and suggests how employing agencies should respond in terms of prevention, identification and assistance.