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***Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System: Evaluating and Addressing Issues in Prosecution***

In collaboration with the Denver District Attorney's Office, this project aims to evaluate racial and ethnic disparities in the application of prosecutorial discretion. Prosecutors play a central role in punishment outcomes and exercise a wide degree of discretion. Drawing on administrative data, case files, and interviews with prosecutors, this research will identify the central pathways by which disparities occur by investigating prosecutorial guidelines, evidentiary materials, and other case characteristics. The results are anticipated to improve justice equity across the state of Colorado by modeling prosecutorial transparency, broadening data collection and use, and identifying means of ameliorating racial and ethnic disparities in criminal justice.

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