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# Dr. Chad Posick Featured for Research on the “Ferguson Effect”

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Georgia Southern University criminology professor Chad Posick, along with his colleagues Michael Rocque of Bates College and Steven Barkan of the University of Maine at Orono, have recently been featured in the Bangor Daily News refuting the so-called “Ferguson Effect.” Some commentators have noted what they call a Ferguson Effect where police are now reluctant to engage with people of color and enforce zero-tolerance policing strategies – resulting in a spike in crime. As the criminologists note, there is no scientific evidence of such an effect or even a steady rise in crime throughout the US. Any such claim must be backed by empirical evidence and, at this time, it simply does not exist. A link to the full story can be found at:

<https://bangordailynews.com/2015/06/10/opinion/4-reasons-to-doubt-the-ferguson-effect-and-claims-of-a-national-crime-wave/>.

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