

# Finding What You Need ...

## Criminal Justice

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Many students at Sussex need information about crime, corrections and law enforcement. They also need to learn about New Jersey laws concerning



### REFERENCE WORKS

Use reference sources to become familiar with legal terms and concepts. Become familiar with the technical and descriptive terms used in the study of criminology.

R 304.03 Bla Black's Law Dictionary

This source defines legal terminology

R 349.730 Bur Burton's Legal Thesaurus

R 349.7303 Dictionary of Legal Terms: A Simplified Guide to the Language of Law.

R 348.73 Uni Guide to American Law

An encyclopedia of legal topics.

R 364. 03 Enc 1 Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice

This source discusses issues related to crime and criminal law and provides bibliographies for most subjects.

R 324. 203 Enc Encyclopedia of the American Constitution

This work provides an explanation of the constitutional concepts behind law.

R 340 New New Jersey Lawyer's Diary and Manual

This source contains local, county, state and federal directories, lists of judges and court personnel, motor vehicle laws, motor vehicle point system, court schedules and the New Jersey bar directory.

R 345.73 Fal Prentice Hall's Dictionary of American Criminal Justice, Criminology and Criminal Law

R 317.2 Sta Statistical Abstract of the United States

The Abstract is a yearly compilation of government statistics. It includes a section on law enforcement, crime and prison.

R 364.9749 Uni Uniform Crime Report: Crime in New Jersey

A yearly compilation of statistics on crimes committed in the state. The report also includes other law enforcement statistics. The current edition is online at [www.state.nj.us/lps/njsp](http://www.state.nj.us/lps/njsp), but we have retrospective volumes.

R 348.78 Wes West's Encyclopedia of American Law

This encyclopedia has comprehensive essays on many legal topics

Additional reference items are located in the 304-350 area of the reference section.

## **CASE LAW AND STATUTES**

The law section has reporters for New Jersey case law and statutes.

## **BOOKS**

Use the on-line catalog to find books about law and legal topics.

- Use search terms such as crime, criminology, police and corrections.
- Books about criminology usually discuss the theories that underlie work done in the criminal justice field.
- Books about corrections discuss prisons and related issues.
- Consider narrower topics related to criminal justice, such as prison psychology and domestic violence.

You will find most of these books in the 304-364 section of the library.

## **PERIODICAL INDEXES AND ONLINE INFORMATION**

Use the following indexes to locate articles in magazines and newspapers.

O – online            P - Print

Academic Search Premier (O)

You can search a wide range of periodicals. Limit your search to scholarly journals for research in criminology.

Credo (O)

This online reference source has several dictionaries, including law dictionaries.

Newsbank (O)

This allows you to find full-text articles New Jersey newspapers. It is a good source of information about local crimes and criminal justice issues.

ProQuest (O)

Use ‘Newspapers’ or ‘National Newspapers’ to find news articles about crime and justice. ‘Research Library’ lets you to find articles in magazines. To focus your search, you can limit your search to scholarly journals, to law-related publications or limit your search to the ‘Law’ module.

Social Science Index (P)

This index is a source of citations to articles in professional and research journals. It allows access to articles about law, criminology and social policy.

The library subscribes to magazines and journals about corrections and criminology. Please refer to the list of “Periodicals by Subject.”

**INTERNET**

The Internet is a source of recent information, particularly statistical data. Many local and national government agencies have websites. Examples;

911 Fire Police Medical Website—[www.the911site.com](http://www.the911site.com)

American Bar Association – [www.abanet.org](http://www.abanet.org)

American Law Sources On-Line – [www.lawsource.com/also/](http://www.lawsource.com/also/)

Anatomy of a Murder: A Trip Through our Nation's Legal Justice System –  
[library.thinkquest.org/2760/](http://library.thinkquest.org/2760/)

Code of Federal Regulations – [origin.gpoaccess.gov/cfr](http://origin.gpoaccess.gov/cfr)

Drug Enforcement Administration – [www.usdoj.gov/dea](http://www.usdoj.gov/dea)

Famous Trials – [www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm](http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm)

Federal Bureau of Investigation – [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

FindLaw – [www.findlaw.com/](http://www.findlaw.com/)

[www.findlaw.com/casecodes](http://www.findlaw.com/casecodes)—links to state constitutions and some statutes  
and caselaw. Go to “Are You a Legal Professional?”

Florida State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice –  
Criminal Justice Links – [www.criminology.fsu.edu/cj.html](http://www.criminology.fsu.edu/cj.html)

Forensic Science Research Guide -  
[www.marshall.edu/library/guides/forensic.asp](http://www.marshall.edu/library/guides/forensic.asp)

Guide to Law Online—  
[www.loc.gov/law/guide/help.guide.php](http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/help.guide.php)

Jurist: The Legal Education Network – [jurist.law.pitt.edu/](http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/)

LawCom – [www.law.com](http://www.law.com)

Law Library of Congress – [www.loc.gov/law/](http://www.loc.gov/law/)

Legal Information Institute – [www.law.cornell.edu](http://www.law.cornell.edu)

National Criminal Justice Information Center – <http://www.ncjrs.org>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service - <http://www.ncjrs.gov>

New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety –  
<http://www.state.nj.us/lps>

Lloyd Sealy Library—John Jay College of Criminal Justice—  
[www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/links](http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/links)

New Jersey Law Network – [www.njlawnet.com//](http://www.njlawnet.com//)

New Jersey State Police (crime and accident statistics; go to ‘Public Information’  
and then to ‘Crime Reports and Statistics’) – [www.njsp.org](http://www.njsp.org)

State and Local Government on the Net—[www.statelocalgov.net](http://www.statelocalgov.net)

Supreme Court of the United States – [www.supremecourtus.gov/](http://www.supremecourtus.gov/)

United States Constitution—[www.usconstitution.net](http://www.usconstitution.net)

United States Department of Justice Home Page – [www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)

USA Cops—[www.usacops.com](http://www.usacops.com)

Please see the reference librarian if you need help.

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