**Final Project -** **Case Study: Police Department Consent Decree/Agreement**

You are assigned to the Research and Development Unit of the Virtual Police Department. The Unit Director asked you to prepare a presentation for the Chief on U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) consent decrees and agreements. It seems one of the Chief's close professional colleagues is now subject to such an agreement. The Chief wants to be sure he has done everything possible to avoid finding the Virtual Police Department in a similar predicament. The format of the presentation is quite simple. Using a selected city that is currently under (or has recently been under) a DOJ consent decree/agreement as reference, provide the Chief with direction on how to avoid being subject to DOJ oversight.

**Review** the document, "Addressing Police Misconduct Laws Enforced by the Department of Justice"

Link :  [/content/enforced/145914-001420-01-2165-OL1-6380/Police Misconduct Laws Enforced by DOJ.docx](https://learn.umuc.edu/content/enforced/145914-001420-01-2165-OL1-6380/Police%20Misconduct%20Laws%20Enforced%20by%20DOJ.docx)

or the same document using an alternate link

<https://www.justice.gov/crt/addressing-police-misconduct-laws-enforced-department-justice>

**Select** the following as your subject case study police department:

1. The Seattle (Washington) Police Department <https://www.justice.gov/crt/investigation-documents>

**Research:**  Starting with the link provided, continue your research on the basis for and actions attentive to the subject consent decree/agreement, Review all of the pertinent documents, articles, websites, etc. until you feel you have a thorough understanding sufficient to respond to the Assignment questions.

**Assignment**

* **Briefly describe** the situation(s) and/or event(s) that led up to DOJ oversight in the form of a consent decree/agreement **(no more than 20% of the paper)**
* **Briefly outline** the provisions of the consent decree/agreement. What actions is the department required to take? What changes is the department required to make? **(no more than 20% of the paper)**
* Connect the provisions of the consent decree/agreement to the initiating causes.
* **Describe in detail** what the Virtual Police Department needs to do in order to avoid following in the footsteps of the subject police department or otherwise find itself subject to DOJ oversight in the form of a consent decree/agreement **(no less than 40% of the paper)**

**Formatting requirements:** Your report should include:

* + The Final Project must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document
  + a cover page with your name, project title, course, and date submitted
  + Paper must be double spaced, 12 pt font and 1” margins all around.
  + All APA 7th edition format requirements must be followed (cover page, in text citations, reference page). Refer to APA.
  + You must have resources to support your thoughts/opinions/information.  These must be cited both in text as well as at the end of the document. Your paper should not contain direct quotes, sourced material must be paraphrased.
  + (10) FULL narrative pages, not including cover page and reference page.
  + A minimum of three (6) outside sources not directly connected to the consent decree/agreement of the selected subject police department