

Memphis Police Misconduct

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MEMPHIS—Police misconduct in Memphis is pervasive, uncontrolled and "cause for public outrage," an arm of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission has reported.

The commission's Tennessee Advisory Committee said in a report on police-community relations that blacks in Memphis are the victims of the overwhelming majority of police misconduct.

The report was prepared from hearings conducted in May 1977. The committee said the department had shown an "inability and unwillingness" to respond to allegations of police misconduct. It said that failure has "logically resulted in open dissatisfaction, distrust and bitterness from those persons in the community who have attempted to have the MPD respond to police misconduct complaints."