

# American Policing After Holtzclaw

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*Daniel Holtzclaw, Oklahoma City Police Officer, Accused Of Sexually Assaulting At Least 6 Women While On Duty*

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The conviction of **a serial rapist with a badge** in Oklahoma City has generated more heat than light, in particular because all his (known) victims were black, the usual suspects have attempted to make this into a racial issue instead of what it really was, a grotesque abuse of power. Others have been promoting the fantasy of rape culture. Instead of allowing agenda-driven special interest groups to dictate the conversation, what can we learn from this, and what can be done to prevent such abuses in future?

The first thing we have to recognise is that predators will always prey on the weak if they have the opportunity, this is the reason we lock our doors. Then we have to determine who is vulnerable, and how to end that vulnerability. In the United States, the hysteria over sexual assault is **loudest on campus**, but sexual assaults on campus – real sexual assaults rather than those in which consent to sex is **withdrawn retroactively** – are largely a myth. The reason for this is that women on the campuses of America and elsewhere are not vulnerable, they are intelligent (one would hope), privileged (whatever their race), and know that if they are sexually assaulted all they have to do is scream to draw attention to their plight. The same cannot necessarily be said of a

woman who is engaged in criminal activity when she is held at the point of a gun by a psychopath with a badge and told to suck this or else.

**True, these women should not be engaged in criminal activity, but that is beside the point. Until he made the fatal mistake of attacking a woman who was neither a prostitute nor a drug addict, Holtzclaw preyed on women who would not offer resistance for fear of his badge, his gun, of being arrested, and of not being believed. This latter raises another issue, that of false and at times malicious allegations. These **are both real and extremely common**; much of the time a false allegation is indistinguishable from a genuine one, so any solution to the problem of predatory policemen must take account of this too.**

In this connection, it is to be noted that Holtzclaw was far from a rare bad apple. We will return to that shortly, but in the meantime, what is to be done? Two months before the Holtzclaw conviction, Florida police officer (now former police officer) Stephen Maiorino was cleared of raping a woman partly because the defense found a photograph on her Facebook page that showed her bent over the hood of a car with her hands behind her back, implying, probably correctly, that she had a fantasy of having sex on a police car, apparently while being arrested. This would surely be a cause for reasonable doubt to anyone, especially with the accused facing the possibility of spending the rest of his life behind bars, but even consensual sex on duty is a disciplinary if not a sacking offence for any police officer, so the first thing that needs to be done (and feminazis will love this) is to make all sexual interactions between an on duty police officer and a member of the public strict liability offences, that is, if the cop does have sex with a woman then he is guilty of rape, even if she consents enthusiastically and films the act for posterity. What could be simpler?



*Stephen Maiorino*

Why is a cop driving around alone in this day and age, with his camera switched off and without being in radio contact with his base? Why is a male officer searching the person of a female motorist or a female anything except a suspected terrorist? If there is a strong possibility of a police officer interacting with a woman or a child, then a female officer should be present. These practices could be implemented forthwith. There is though a much bigger problem.

There are a number of websites that monitor police malfeasance in the US, including [this one](#). In the US as everywhere else in the Western world, the two groups of vulnerable women who come into contact with the police most are drug addicts and all manner of sex workers (including especially prostitutes). There is also considerable overlap between the two categories.

Prostitution is illegal throughout the United States except in Nevada, but it exists everywhere. However sordid this activity may be, between consenting adults it is a victimless crime. Policing prostitution wastes enormous resources, and police officers are also allowed to entrap both prostitutes and their clients, the so-called johns. This can even involve undercover police [having sex with prostitutes](#), and that cannot be

good. The legalisation of prostitution would free up enormous manpower to fight real crime, and would in addition remove the power predatory police officers have over prostitutes. There are many organisations in the United States that lobby for the decriminalisation of prostitution, and most of them make out far more **cogent arguments** than either the man-hating Catharine Mackinnon or the facile anti-trafficking lobby.

This leaves us with drug addicts. Attitudes towards recreational drugs are changing in the United States, slowly but surely with the realisation that the war on drugs has been an abject failure. Most drug offences are victimless crimes, but the prohibition of drugs leads to the escalation of all manner of social evils, including at times murder. As far as the police and female drug users/addicts are concerned, their interaction can lead to rape, which does not require force. A police officer who offers to drop the charges against a female drug addict in return for her sexual favours might be deemed guilty of rape, and one who threatens to arrest her unless she submits to him is guilty of rape.

Alas, it will be many years yet before a sufficient number of politicians are persuaded of the total failure of the war on drugs so that the worst of the drug laws are repealed. In the meantime, no male police officer should ever be permitted to search a female on suspicion of possessing drugs. These are simple remedies for abuses of power. The woman who brought Holtzclaw to book said she was afraid he would kill her, and with good reason, because a police officer who is depraved enough to rape a woman in the back of his patrol car might well be crazy enough to shoot her. There is ultimately no stopping crazy people, and Holtzclaw is in a sense one of those, but most sexual predators are rational as well as depraved, and are deterred by the near certainty of being brought to book. In the final analysis, that is all we can aspire to.

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