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Stop The Violence

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Three simple words heard over and over again. Recently there have been many reports concerning the alarming rate at which youth violence, essentially Black on Black crime is increasing. Yet we continue to pour more money into an already failing criminal justice system. Experts insist that arrest alone will not solve this problem but that is still the road most often travelled.

“Gang suppression tactics fail to reduce crime and can actually worsen problem”, “Zero tolerance in school is creating a pipeline to prison” The trick is nationwide murders have dropped 1.3% between 2006 and 2007. Murder among white American youth has decreased or just about remained the same, but in every region of the country the number of black male murder victims rose. The number of black male juvenile murderers rose almost 45%.

Is the answer is to hire more cops, create stiffer penalties, and enhanced sentencing guidelines? Let's just increase the disparities in our already disparate Justice System. In Hudson County two white males are caught selling 10 guns. They admit to selling guns in numerous inner city areas, and housing complexes. They are responsible for the theft and distribution of over 100 weapons. This successful prosecution yielded 5 years in prison. What ever happened to the trigger lock statues? Do they only apply for minorities? The difference between crack and powder cocaine penalties have not gone away. They have only shifted to the new drug of choice in the minority community, the gun. There is always a cheap and dangerous drug thrown into the ghetto, inner city, hood or urban area. Crack cocaine, malt liquor, high octane cheap wine coolers and now readily available, inexpensive high powered weapons.