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Short description of his career and the interest in police work:

Lawrence W. Sherman is the Director of the Jerry Lee Centre of Criminology. He was appointed the University of Pennsylvania's first Professor of Criminology in 2003, with a five-year term as Chair of the Department of Criminology, and has been the Albert M. Greenfield Professor of Human Relations in the Department of Sociology since 2000. He served as President of the American Academy of Political and Social Science from 2001-2005, and was the Founding President of the Academy of Experimental Criminology in 1999-2001. The American Society of Criminology elected Sherman a Fellow in 1994, winner of the Edwin H. Sutherland Award in 1999, and President for 2001-2002.

Since beginning his career as a civilian research analyst in the New York City Police Department as an Alfred P. Sloan Urban Fellow in 1971, he has collaborated with over 30 police agencies around the world, evaluating policies designed to prevent crime, reduce domestic violence, get illegal guns off the streets, prevent police corruption, close down crack houses, and help victims of crime.

He holds appointments as adjunct professor of law at the Australian National University and as Jerry Lee Research Professor of Criminology at the University of Maryland. He previously served as Distinguished University Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, as Seth Boyden Distinguished Visiting Professor at Rutgers University, and as assistant and associate professor of criminal justice at the State University of New York at Albany.

Short description of his activities and publications:

The author or co-author of four books and hundreds of articles, he has received awards for distinguished scholarship from the American Society of Criminology, the American Sociological Association, and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. His research has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, and the Blair Government in Great Britain as the basis for its \$400 million crime prevention program. He has frequently testified before the U.S. Congress, and has advised national governments in ten other countries. He is currently collaborating with the Australian Federal Police on an evaluation of victim-centred restorative justice programs for juvenile violence and crime, and serves as President of the International Society of Criminology in Paris.

His service in government includes staff appointments with Mayor John Lindsay in New York, Mayor Stephen Goldsmith in Indianapolis, and a decade of policy research with Mayor Donald Fraser and Police Chief Anthony V. Bouza in Minneapolis. He has advised Police Commissioner John Timoney in Philadelphia on the reliability of crime reporting, Fortune 500 corporations on protecting customers and employees against crime.

His publications include the 1997 Congressionally-mandated report to Attorney General Janet Reno, Preventing Crime: What Works, What Doesn't, What's Promising, which he co-authored with a team of distinguished University of Maryland criminologists.

With support of the National Institute of Justice, he is also author of Policing Domestic Violence: Experiments and Dilemmas, as well as articles identifying the "hotspots of crime" phenomenon and effectiveness of concentrating police patrols in small street corner zones where crime is heavily concentrated.

His research on gun violence in Kansas City, also published by NIJ, found a 50% reduction in gun crime in response to a concentrated police patrol strategy.

Educational background:

A magna cum laude graduate of Denison University, he holds an M.A. from the University of Chicago, the Diploma in Criminology from Cambridge University, and the Ph.D. in Sociology from Yale University.