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Abstract:

Restorative justice policing (RJP) is an approach to law enforcement that moves beyond traditional crime control by emphasizing transparency, community involvement, shared decision-making between police and residents, and accountability to the communities being served. This study examines the extent to which police agencies in Marin County, California, are adhering to restorative justice principles. The study uses a systematic analysis of the online presence of all law enforcement agencies in the county. Using a coding instrument developed

from established RJP frameworks, each agency's publicly available online content was assessed across key dimensions including transparency, citizen outreach, power sharing, and community engagement. Agencies were then scored and ranked according to their overall alignment with RJP principles. The findings offer a snapshot of where Marin County agencies currently stand on the spectrum of restorative justice policing and identify areas where departments may have room to grow in their commitment to community-centered policing.