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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FILES CONSENT DECREES
CONCLUDING INVESTIGATION OF DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Ralph F. Boyd, Jr. and U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Jeffrey G. Collins today announced that the Justice Department has filed two consent decrees that conclude the Justice Department's pattern or practice investigation into the Detroit Police Department.

The investigation, initiated in December 2000 at the request of the city, involved three components - use of force, arrest and witness detention, as well as conditions of confinement. The Justice Department filed a complaint in federal district court alleging a pattern or practice of misconduct pursuant to Section 14141 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. The consent decrees filed today mandate widespread reform in the police department's use of force, as well as arrest and detention practices, and its administration of precinct holding cells.