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# “The Position of Race within the Criminal Justice System: Strategies for Reform”

Thursday, March 28 • 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Racial minorities, especially African Americans, are processed and disproportionately incarcerated at significantly higher rates compared to Caucasian Americans. Continuing the panel discussion from 2018 that centered on the intersection of race and the criminal justice system, a panel of criminal justice experts representing the police, courts and corrections will identify and discuss specific strategies to reduce these racial disparities in the criminal justice system, and continue the momentum of recent criminal justice reform efforts.

A public question & answer session will be part of the program. Due to time limitations, each speaker will be allotted two minutes to ask a question pertaining to the discussion. Please, no stories.

**PANEL MODERATOR:**

Dr. Michael Birzer  
*Professor, Wichita State University*

**PANELISTS:**

The Honorable Seth L. Rundle  
*District Court Judge, 18th Judicial District of Kansas*

Mark Bennett  
*District Attorney, Sedgwick County, Kansas*

Chief Gordon Ramsay  
*Wichita Police Department*

Captain Wendell Nicholson  
*Wichita Police Department*

Glenda R. Martens  
*Director, Sedgwick County Division of Corrections*

Mark Orr  
*Chief Public Defender, Sedgwick County, Kansas*