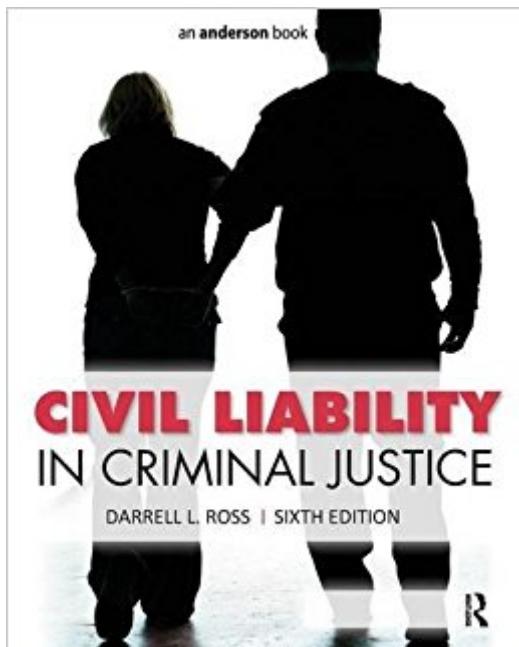


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# Civil Liability In Criminal Justice



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Investigating Deaths in Custody and Officer-Involved Shootings addresses the critical investigation components from an expert witness perspective, providing the insights necessary to ensure a complete investigation. Investigating a custodial death or an officer involving a shooting presents unique and complex issues. When the deaths occur in the custody of the law enforcement agency, the investigator must be prepared to respond to emerging issues focused at his/her own agency or at another local agency. Conducting a thorough investigation is important because estate, community, judicial, agency, involved officer, and public policy interests are all at stake. These types of deaths present various emerging medical, psychological, legal and liability, technical, and investigatory issues that must be addressed through a comprehensive investigation. This is a timely topic as unrest over officer-involved shootings and deaths in custody take center stage conversations about policing and the criminal justice system. This book is ideal for students in criminal investigation, death investigation, crime scene investigation, and special topics in custodial deaths and officer-involved shootings, as well as death investigators, law enforcement officers, police administrators, and attorneys.

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minimum needed to answer homework questions for this course. I just need to find a better alternative resource now...

This book reads like a book about law written by a police officer. My students want to become police officers and prison guards. They are taking my civil liability class and filled out anonymous surveys. The biggest complaint is the book. The book is less than clear. It uses statistics that are mathematically meaningless. It only thinly hides its bias against attorneys. The book characterizes §1983 of the civil rights act as a vehicle for citizens to attack innocent police officers. The book does not discuss the elements of torts. Its attempts at practical advice are lost in generalities. The book does not cover the material and I seriously doubt whether the author understands the subject of torts or the subject of liability as it relates to police officers. The book, in short, is not worth reading. It certainly isn't worth making your students read it.

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