



Racial Profiling costs

...not only those who are confronted with discriminatory methods of policing, but also those who engage in such practices. By setting this goal, the campaign „Stop Racial Profiling“ continues.

The public's awareness of racial profiling is on the rise. This is a consequence of the racial profiling case of a young Black German man travelling by train from Koblenz to Frankfurt/Main. The aforementioned man sought legal action against the use of racial profiling (selective passport controls). Only after filing an appeal, the Higher Administrative Court of Rheinland Pfalz reversed the lower court's initial ruling. The police practice of racial profiling was declared unconstitutional in October 2012. As a result of this decision, the Federal Police officially apologized to the plaintiff.

There are numerous traumatizing incidences that occur day in and day out behind sound -proof doors of police stations. The officials, however, speak of „isolated unfortunate incidents“. For that reason, this sample letter to the Federal Police will provide them with information to the contrary.

Document racial profiling

The approach is simple: Just fill out the sample letter drafted by a lawyer working with KOP and send it to the Federal Police – Please mail one copy to KOP (Campaign for victims of racist police violence, see address below). The goal is to cause a wave of letters to the Federal Police reflecting actual events. As an official state institution, they cannot simply ignore repeated complaints. Thus, two goals are being achieved: Firstly, people are proactive in deterring this kind of victimization. Secondly, the structural nature of racial profiling becomes visible and documentable.

As of now, all those who experience racial profiling or witness this practice are called to raise their voice. The sample letter can be found under: <http://www.stoppt-racial-profiling.de/>

Please forward this information.

If you have any questions feel, free to contact us.

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