



CONGRESS AGAINST RACISM AND CORRUPTION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT (CARCLE)

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) DIRECTS U.S. MARSHALS TO UNLEASH ITS BIGOTS WITH BADGES ON BLACK COMMUNITIES IN A NATIONWIDE DRAGNET THAT NABBED 4455 FUGITIVES

According to a U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) press release (PR) headline on September 20 stating, [“Latest U.S. Marshals Operation Nabs More Than 4,400 Fugitives.”](#) The PR says that 4455 violent fugitives were arrested during a high-impact fugitive apprehension initiative dubbed Operation North Star III (ONS III) that targeted 20 cities and cleared 2,818 violent warrants.

Both U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland and USMS director Ronald Davis commented on the success of ONS III, but neither mentioned anything about the outstanding history of racism headlined as [“Bigots With Badges”](#) in a 1997 New York Post that permeates the USMS today, evidenced in a 29-year Class Action lawsuit involving potentially [10,000 Black deputy U.S. marshals and Black applicants](#) who applied for the USMS positions.

A CARCLE June [Press Release](#) and Conference at the [DOJ headquarters in Washington, D.C.](#), spearheaded by its Executive Director and named USMS Black Class Complainant Dr. Matthew Fogg with other social justice groups and the mother of [Alante Scott](#), who was allegedly shot in the back seven times in February 2023, a half mile from the White House by U.S. Marshals. Her daughter gave a tearful statement asking the USMS to stop hiding evidence from the family and public scrutiny. Participants agreed that racism in the USMS has created a racially hostile environment in American cities [and a threat to Black Public Safety](#) involving all USMS enforcement activities.

Racism inundated his entire (30-year) career and was [validated in a 1998 Federal Jury verdict](#), said Fogg. “Bigots with badges nearly got me killed when White colleagues deserted me on a 1991 Dragnet arrest of USMS 15 Most Wanted convicted murderer, [Michael Lucas](#), and we believe it was USMS racial retaliation that involved the death of Black New York [USMS Inspector William Bill Scott](#) in a suspicious automobile accident. Astonishingly, the DOJ has not cleaned up this same racist culture still being litigated today.” See [\[Matthew Fogg et al. v. Merrick Garland @ U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission\]](#)

Like the recent nabbing of 4455 fugitives, Fogg said, “A DOJ *Pattern and Practice investigation* would prove that most USMS-led 90-day Dragnet operations are absolute Racial Profiling on steroids. The USMS uses the term violent criminals, knowing that courts have ruled that anyone distributing illegal drugs can be considered violent, even if the warrant is failure to appear for selling Marijuana.”

Fogg said USMS Dragnets primarily target low-level drug users, dealers, and communities with disproportionately Black and Brown suspects. At the end of these operations, our statistics are to impress the public and justify a prison system full of unnecessary inmates. He said the USMS's internal racist culture translates to its external enforcement culture, which makes Dragnet members modern-day Slave Hunters. “Today, I regret I participated in that culture of indifference, and it was why I challenged internal racism early on in my career, knowing the consequences,” he said.

Congress Against Racism And Corruption In Law Enforcement (CARCLE) was organized in 1997 following long-standing racial divisions in Federal law enforcement and the USMS rank & file that garnered a Congressional Black Caucus Hearing with all Federal law enforcement agency heads, including US/DOJ Deputy Director Eric Holder. The Hearing was predicated upon a New York Post-featured cover story calling the USMS [“Bigots With Badge.”](#)

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