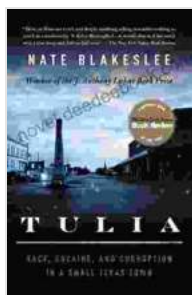


Race, Cocaine, and Corruption in a Small Texas Town

In the small town of Tulia, Texas, a predominantly black community, a 1999 drug bust led to the arrests of 46 people, mostly black, on charges of cocaine distribution. The arrests were based on the testimony of a single informant, Tom Coleman, who had a history of lying and fabricating evidence.

The Tulia drug bust was one of the most egregious examples of racial profiling and police misconduct in recent history. The arrests were made by a small group of white police officers who targeted black residents based on their race. The officers used false testimony and planted evidence to secure convictions.



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The Tulia drug bust is a reminder of the systemic racism that still exists in the United States. It is a story of how law enforcement can be used to target and oppress people of color.

The Tulia drug bust also highlights the importance of due process. The people who were arrested in Tulia were denied their right to a fair trial. They were convicted based on false testimony and planted evidence.

The Tulia drug bust is a dark chapter in American history. It is a story of racial profiling, police misconduct, and the denial of due process.

The Arrests

The Tulia drug bust began on July 3, 1999, when a white police officer named Tom Coleman arrested a black man named Joe Moore for possession of cocaine. Coleman claimed that Moore had sold him cocaine on several occasions.

Over the next few weeks, Coleman arrested 45 more people, mostly black, on charges of cocaine distribution. Coleman claimed that all of the people he arrested had sold him cocaine.

The arrests were based solely on Coleman's testimony. There was no other evidence to support the charges.

The Trial

The trial of the Tulia drug defendants began in February 2000. The prosecution presented Coleman's testimony as the only evidence against the defendants.

The defense attorneys attacked Coleman's credibility. They showed that Coleman had a history of lying and fabricating evidence.

The jury convicted 38 of the 46 defendants. The sentences ranged from 20 years to life in prison.

The Aftermath

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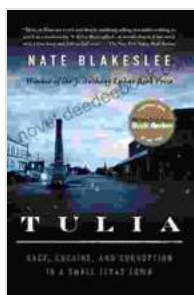
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The Legacy

The Tulia drug bust has had a lasting impact on the town of Tulia. The black community has been devastated by the loss of so many of its members.

The Tulia drug bust has also raised awareness of the problem of racial profiling. It has led to changes in law enforcement practices and to a greater understanding of the importance of due process.

The Tulia drug bust is a reminder of the importance of fighting for justice. It is a story of how one small community can stand up to injustice and demand change.



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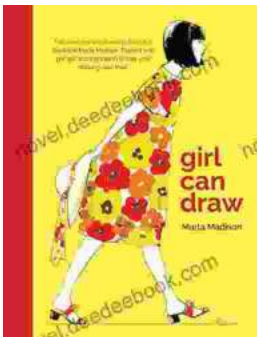
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