

Glossary of Terms

(Blacks Law Dictionary)

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| Police | The governmental department charged with; the preservation of public order, the promotion of public safety, and the prevention and detection of crime |
| Police Officer | A <u>peace officer</u> responsible for; preserving public order, promoting public safety, and preventing and detecting <u>crime</u> |
| Peace Officer | A civil officer (such as a sheriff or police officer) appointed to <u>maintain public tranquility and order</u> . |
| Civil Law | ROMAN LAW. The body of law <u>imposed</u> by the state, as apposed to moral law. The law of civil or private rights, <u>as apposed to criminal law...</u> |
| Criminal Law | The body of law defining <u>offences against the community</u> at large regulating how suspects are; investigated, charged, and tried, and establishing punishments for convicted offenders |
| Common Law | 1.The body of law derived from judicial decisions, <u>rather than statutes</u> or constitutions; CASELAW 2.The body of law based on the ENGLISH legal system, <u>as distinct from a civil-law system</u> Has two classes of crime: serious crime or felonies, and minor crimes or misdemeanours |
| Crime | A <u>social harm</u> that the law makes punishable; |
| Society | A community of <u>people</u> , as of a state, nation, or locality, with common cultures, traditions and interests. An association or company of <u>persons</u> (usually unincorporated) <u>united by mutual consent</u> , to deliberate, determine, and act jointly for a common purpose |