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PERCEPTIONS OF NAIROBI BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON KENYA POLICE SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES KENYA

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Abstract

This study sought to explore the perception of Nairobi Business Community on Kenya Police Service Law Enforcement Practices from 2010-2016. The study uses data for MA Thesis on exploration of public perceptions of Kenya Police Service Law enforcement practices in Nairobi Central Business District (2010-2016). The study employed a combination of survey and phenomenological designs to select 120 respondents drawn using stratified sampling technique. In addition 12 information-rich informants were selected using the stratified purposeful method from Business community leaders, Officers Commanding Stations and /or Division and selected Civil Society Organizations engaged in promoting and advocacy of best practices in law enforcement. Primary data was collected using semi structured interviews and questionnaires; while secondary data was collected from reports, journals and other publications. Validity was established through expert judgment and reliability was ascertained by use of Cronbach's alpha. Quantitative data was analyzed using descriptive statistics while qualitative data was analyzed thematically. The study revealed that the Nairobi Business Community had different and divergent perceptions on Kenya Police Services law enforcement practices. The study recommends that the Kenya Police Service quickly establishes a personal credibility with all segments of the community and especially the Business Community in the Nairobi Central District.

Keywords: Kenya Police Service, Perception, Nairobi Central Business District, Business Community, Law enforcement practice:

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