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**FIRST INFORMATION REPORT & MEDIA:
THE INFORMATIONAL UNIVERSE OF CRIME & VIOLENCE**

Abstract:

This paper examines the informational universe constituted in cases of crime and violence by tracing the career of an important institution, the First Information Report (FIR). New technologies of media have shaped the FIR, and in turn, it has drastically changed the web of relationships between social structures and institutions. Rational deliberations create the template of the public sphere in a democratic society. The medium of communication is a significant factor that can expand this sphere with vertical and horizontal flows of information. The paper explores these aspects of the concrete realities of our daily lives where information and media reign.

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