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New Study Examines the Psychological Effects of Solitary Confinement

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) today announced the availability of *NIJ Journal #269*. The cover story discusses the unexpected findings of an NIJ-funded study of the link between solitary confinement and mental health decline among inmates. The Journal also includes:

- tips on how law enforcement agencies can better use evidence-based policing practices to cut both crime and costs;
- an evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI), which showed that adult females reported a significantly higher need for services than men;
- new ways to put carbon-14 dating techniques to use on recent unidentified human remains to help forensic scientists determine age and year of death; and
- information about CrimeSolutions.gov, a central resource for policymakers and practitioners containing evidence-based criminal justice programs that they can use in their own neighborhoods.

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About the NIJ Journal

The *NIJ Journal* features articles to help criminal justice policymakers and practitioners stay informed about new developments. The *NIJ Journal* presents research-based information that can help inform policy decisions and improve understanding of the criminal justice system.

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