

# Juvenile Administrative Fees: Research and Findings from Contra Costa County

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## Restitution



To *victims* for economic losses

Cal. Welf. and Inst. Code § 729-31

## Restitution fines



To the *state* for the restitution fund

Cal. Welf. and Inst. Code § 730.6

## Administrative fees



To the *county* for administrative costs

- *Not* retributive
- *Not* rehabilitative
- *Not* restorative
- Solely to protect county fiscal integrity

Cal. Welf. and Inst. Code § 903-4



## Recent Empirical Findings

“The total amount of fines, fees, and/or restitution imposed at disposition significantly increase[s] the odds of a youth recidivating ... even after controlling for relevant youth demographics and case characteristics variables.”

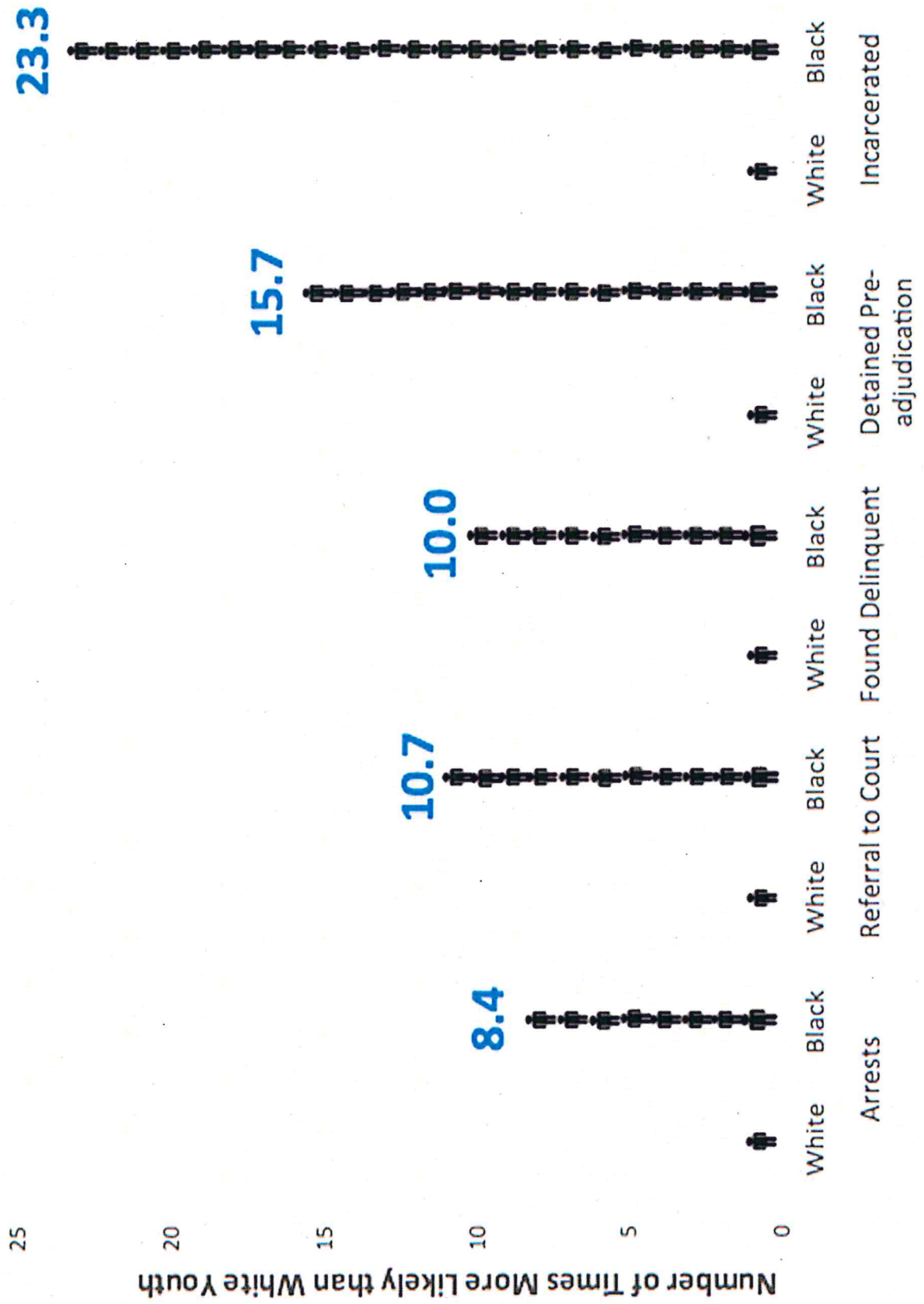
— Piquero and Jennings, *Journal of Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* (2016)





# Disproportionate Impact on Black Families

Contra Costa County, 2015



# Minimal Net Gain to the County

FY 2012-16

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Collected	\$419,323	\$442,707	\$430,926	\$530,032
Costs	\$294,378	\$297,959	\$290,353	\$287,205
<b>Net to County</b>	<b>\$124,945</b>	<b>\$144,748</b>	<b>\$140,573</b>	<b>\$242,827</b>

Net Financial Gain of Collecting Juvenile Administrative Fees in Contra Costa County

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**67 million**

Probation Dept. Budget, FY 2014-15

**3.1 billion**

County Budget, FY 2014-15

# Juvenile Administrative Fee Practices

