

# Taking Out The Trash In Tulia Texas: The Tale of the Tulia Drug Bust



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In 1999, a massive drug bust in the small town of Tulia, Texas made national headlines. Dozens of people, mostly young black men, were arrested and charged with drug trafficking. The arrests were based on the testimony of a single informant, who claimed to have bought drugs from the defendants.

As the case went to trial, it became clear that the informant's testimony was unreliable. He had a history of lying and had been paid by the police to testify. The defendants also presented evidence that they had been framed. They said that the police had planted drugs on them and had coerced them into confessing.

Despite the evidence, the jury found the defendants guilty. They were sentenced to long prison terms, ranging from five years to life in prison. The

convictions were upheld on appeal, and the defendants spent years behind bars.

In 2003, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned the convictions. The court found that the informant's testimony was unreliable and that the defendants had been denied a fair trial. The defendants were released from prison, but their lives had been forever changed.

The Tulia drug bust is a chilling example of how racial profiling, police misconduct, and prosecutorial overreach can lead to wrongful convictions. The book *Taking Out The Trash In Tulia Texas* tells the full story of this miscarriage of justice, and it is a must-read for anyone who cares about the American justice system.

### **About the Author**

Nat Hentoff is a renowned author and journalist who has written extensively about civil rights and criminal justice. His book *Taking Out The Trash In Tulia Texas* is a powerful indictment of the drug war and its devastating impact on communities of color.

### **Reviews**

"Taking Out The Trash In Tulia Texas is a must-read for anyone who cares about the American justice system. Nat Hentoff's meticulously researched account of the Tulia drug bust is a chilling reminder of how easily innocent people can be convicted of crimes they did not commit." - The New York Times

"Taking Out The Trash In Tulia Texas is a powerful and important book. Nat Hentoff's clear and concise writing style makes this complex story easy to

understand, and his passion for justice shines through on every page." -  
The Washington Post

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