

**AN ASSESSMENT OF BLACK CRIME,
DELINQUENCY, AND THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

James A. Chambers

**Criminology Studies
Volume 17**

**The Edwin Mellen Press
Lewiston•Queenston•Lampeter**

CONTENTS

Acknowledgement	i
Preface	iii
Foreword	v
Introduction	1
Children, Poverty and Delinquency	13
Factors That Preclude Justice	49
Class, Familial Structure and Conflict	65
Class and Race	77
Perceived Social Pathologies and The Black Family	105
Theoretical Weaknesses In The Explanations of Black Crime and Delinquency	125
Case Illustrations	153
Why The Panic?	189
Differential Responses	209
The Police and Official Street Justice	235
Court, Symbols and Agendas	263
The Juvenile Court	279
Criminal Court	299
What Can Be Expected	323
Bibliography	333
Subject Index	343
Name Index	349