



Tuesday, February 15, 2000

Racial profiling symposium hosted at OU

Oakland University and the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association will host a panel of area law enforcement officials, attorneys, educators and African-American and Hispanic community leaders at a symposium to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in Varner Hall. Light snacks will be available from 5 to 6 p.m. and a dessert reception will follow the program.

The symposium will be moderated by Bill Proctor, special news reporter, WXYZ, Channel 7, and will allow the panel, along with the public, to address the rising concern of racial profiling during traffic stops in our communities.

Two of the panelists will be joining the symposium live from Washington, D.C., via satellite immediately after attending a meeting with United States Attorney General Janet Reno on the topic of racial profiling.

The panel will feature the Honorable David Gorcyca, Oakland County Prosecutor; the Honorable Saul Green, Major Timothy Yungfer, Michigan State Police; Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard; attorney Elbert Hatchett; the Honorable William Waterman, district court judge, Pontiac; attorney Elias Escobedo, immediate past president of the Hispanic Bar; Prof. David Harris, University of Toledo-College of Law; attorney William Mitchell, III; and Gary M. Goss, director of Public Safety, city of Farmington.

The program will include opening remarks by the Honorable Fred Mester, Oakland County 6th Circuit Court judge; a panel discussion; a question period; and reflections by Professor Shea Howell, Oakland University professor of rhetoric, communication and journalism.

The Young Lawyers section of the State Bar of Michigan also contributed to the symposium by donating money for the reception.

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