



# Pre-Trial Detention Reform within Uganda's Criminal Justice System: A Theoretical Framework in African Legal Contexts 2012

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## Abstract

Pre-trial detention in Uganda's criminal justice system has been a significant issue for over two decades, with prolonged periods of pre-trial detention often exceeding the maximum sentence for the alleged crime. The study will employ a multidisciplinary approach, drawing from legal theory, criminology, and comparative jurisprudence to analyse existing laws and practices related to pre-trial detention. The theoretical framework will provide a comprehensive understanding of the causes and consequences of prolonged pre-trial detention in Uganda, paving the way for evidence-based policy recommendations. Policy recommendations include enhancing oversight mechanisms within police stations to reduce wrongful detentions, implementing bail reforms that prioritise risk assessment, and expanding legal aid services for detainees.

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