



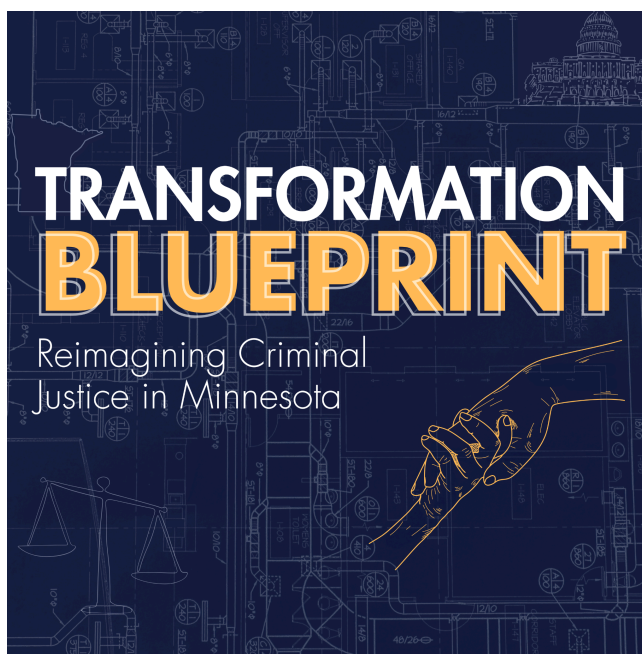
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Minnesota Justice Research Center Launches **“Transformation Blueprint” Podcast to Bridge Criminal** **Justice Research and Community Action**

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MINNEAPOLIS— On Friday, July 18th, the Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) launched [Transformation Blueprint: Reimagining Criminal Justice in Minnesota](#), a podcast aimed at bridging research and community action. The platform, produced entirely in-house, will connect community listeners to timely developments in the criminal legal system by featuring researchers, advocates, people who work in the system, and people impacted by it for meaningful conversations about system transformation.

Through this platform, the MNJRC will break down its own efforts towards a more just system, provide plain-language education on complex criminal justice concepts, and spotlight local and national change-makers.

To mark the podcast's launch, MNJRC released its first episode, "Why Our Bail System Needs to Change, Part 1," which highlights expert perspectives on the function and failure of cash bail in Minnesota, misconceptions and myths about wealth-based systems of detention, and the question of what actually gets people to return to court. Hosted by MNJRC's Kayla Richards, the pilot episode also features Anna Hall—criminal defense attorney at the Legal Rights Center and lead of [MNJRC's project to study and redesign Minnesota's pretrial system](#)—and Tim Schnacke—national pretrial expert and Executive Director of the Center for Legal and Evidence Based Practices.

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