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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Growing inmate crowding negatively affects inmates, staff, and infrastructure: a report to congressional requesters Bureau of Prisons Prison overcrowding is when the demand for space in prisons in a jurisdiction exceeds the capacity for prisoners in the place. Prison overcrowding can occur when the rate at which people are sentenced to prison exceeds the rate at which other prisoners are released or die, thereby freeing up prison space, and new prisons cannot be built fast enough to handle the additions. Studies have shown that two types of offenders are responsible for the majority of sentences to prisons: drug offenders and recidivists. The United States nation has a history of punishing minor offenses with major punishments; in addition the U.S. institutes a zero-tolerance method of policing, mandatory sentencing laws and have essentially taken away the ability for a judge to exercise common sense judgment when sentencing an offender. As a nation and a people, we live by our Constitution and Bill of Rights, but what happens when due process and procedure get to the point where using common sense...

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