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Settlement of Criminal Cases Through the *Angkon Muakhi* Customary Law of Lampung as a Form of Restorative Justice from a Human Rights Perspective

Article	Abstract
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INTRODUCTION

Law enforcement must uphold justice and the welfare of society, particularly by protecting human rights (Hakim & Kurniawan, 2022). It aims to protect society from human rights violations and achieve a balance in life by taking into account the goals and interests of society, the state, victims, and perpetrators (Rato, 2021). Law enforcement should be used as a tool for "social defense," meaning it serves to protect society from crime by improving or restoring "rehabilitation" and restoring "restoration" for both perpetrators and victims without compromising the balance of individual and societal interests (Badan Pembinaan, 2015).