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There is tension between community interests and individual rights and freedoms within the criminal justice system because of the way that society views these crimes and the way the law protects ~~the~~ those who committed, or possibly committed these crimes. These protections are made clear by natural justice, the rule of law, the presumption of innocence and the burden of proof.

The idea of natural justice can also be thought of as the rule of fair play which means everybody has the right to have their case heard by an impartial ~~etc~~ arbiter. Society on the other ~~hand~~ hand often believes it to be in the best interests of the community if the accused is just thrown in jail without a <sup>trial.</sup> ~~hearing~~. This results in tension between community interest and individual rights and freedoms.

The rule of law is that everyone is bound and protected by the law equally. Society often wants those who commit serious crimes punished more severely and condemn the justice system when individuals who society believe committed a major crime get acquitted. This results in tensions between community interest and individual rights and freedoms.

The presumption of innocence is often stated as everyone is innocent until proven guilty. This allows for a fair trial. The media often sways society into believing in someone's guilt before hearing the other side of the story. In only a few occasions the media will attempt to sway public opinion to innocent. This results in tensions between community interest and individual rights and freedoms.

The burden of proof is the challenge the prosecution faces in proving someone's guilt. In the criminal justice system it is 'beyond reasonable doubt'. Society on the other hand often believe someone to be already guilty, usually because of the media going against the presumption of innocence and often call for the accused individual to be heavily punished. This results in tensions between individual rights and freedoms.

The tensions between community interest and individual rights and freedoms within the criminal justice system are there because of society's quest for justice without just reasoning and the removal of natural justice, the rule of law, the presumption of innocence and the need to prove someone's guilt with the burden of proof.

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