

the institution. Although there are death penalty laws that require a death sentence for an inmate who kills another, you don't find attempts to get the death penalty because you have witnesses who cannot be relied on, their credibility is nothing. And many times the murders are committed by those who work with the administration to control the prison. It is a different world and before we talk merely about the enhancement of penalties, we ought to get an understanding of how these prisons work anyway. You have got an investigation going on at the Penitentiary now because certain officials were trying to make the employees give kickbacks to pay off a judgment rendered against one of those officials, and who cares? Nobody in this legislative body. It is popular and it is easy to say lock them up and throw away the key. It is a lot more difficult to find the cause of the problem. It would be a lot easier to take care of diseases that reach epidemic proportions by simply killing those who have the disease rather than finding out the cause and eradicating that. You are dealing with symptoms here. And as far as all of the solicitude that people think they can show for police officers or peace officers and get everybody to fall in line, when it comes to me, they have made a mistake. There was a recent incident in a housing project in Omaha where one cop shot another one and told a lie, blamed it on somebody and said the person who shot this cop went into a unit next door so that unit was shot into. Women and babies were brought out on the ground and made to lie face down and they were not connected with anything and that is because an officer named Briese lied about the fact that he had shot an officer named Abbott, and the officer that Briese lied to was named O'Connor, and based on Briese's lie O'Connor went next door and shot into that unit where women and children were present and they were having of all things a Bible study. For the state troopers, there was a killing on the highway a couple of years and the trooper lied. He said he had taken hold of a car door, the car lurched, he fell on the ground and when he hit the ground his gun discharged and the individual in the car was struck. I had to do the work that the investigator should have done. I got a copy of the autopsy report and the bullet followed a horizontal path through the young man's head, and when I publicized this the county attorney then took the trooper and gave him a lie test, and on the second go-round he told the truth. He admitted that he did not fall at all and nobody was concerned. People don't know that police officers lie. There are judges and prosecutors who will tell you if it comes down to your word against the cops, we have got to go with the cop even though we know he is lying.

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