

they do? They simply got the girl off of probation for shoplifting. What do the proponents in the Lancaster County Attorney's Office want out of this? They want the ability to force the girl, force this 16-year-old girl, who is getting repeatedly victimized, to force her into slavery on the part of the state, to do whatever they tell her to do, to put herself into danger, to put her physical health and life at risk so that they can get maybe one more level of conviction. That isn't right. They shouldn't have that enormous power to say do it or you go to jail, and that is exactly what they do. They are doing it, or they want to be able to this to people who are 16, 17 years old. The case they gave an example of in committee was a 16-year-old girl. That isn't right. More importantly, let me go on to tell you what happened in Colorado. Senator Stuhr said no other state has this. Yet. Sometimes Nebraska is a leader in things. Sometimes we do have well-thought-out legislation, and let me tell you what happened in committee. There was a guy there from Boulder, Colorado, named David Kopel, who was there to testify on the concealed weapon, in favor of the concealed weapon bill, who just happened to listen to this bill, which was up ahead of it. And here's what he had to say. He said, "I simply wanted to relate to you an incident that occurred in 1989 in Colorado. This was, you may remember this incident because it was the lead story on the national news one evening in March. A parolee, named...a felony parolee named Eugene Thompson (phonetic) stole a machine pistol, not a semiautomatic gun, a machine gun in the form of a pistol, broke into one home, tied a woman and murdered her, stole her car. He was absolutely high on cocaine, not like a little high, like feeling good, at near toxic levels of cocaine in his body, drove the car, broke into someone else's home in a nice suburban area of Denver called Douglas County. The back door wasn't even locked.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: He just walked in, murdered another man, and several hours later after a whole bunch of driving and a shoot-out with the police, was finally killed during that shoot-out. A few weeks before this, he had dropped out of a drug treatment program he was required to be in as a mandatory condition of parole, and he'd also been caught burglarizing a warehouse, a personal property storage warehouse in another suburb of Denver, and was involved in a fencing of stolen weapons. He was taking guns, stealing guns from these