

users are white. Why is this? Because white prosecutors are the ones who bring the charges. White cops are the ones who make the arrests. It's a white society. It is racist. The racism infect the law enforcement establishment. It affects the federal prosecutorial staff, and it affects the sentencing guideline commission, and Judge Strom pointed that out. Going back to the article, Strom had said that the guidelines are discriminatory because more crack defendants are black. Statistics show nine of ten crack defendants in Nebraska are black. All four men in court Monday were black. He had delayed the resentencing hearing in hope that Congress would adopt new sentencing guidelines as recommended by the U.S. Sentencing Guideline Commission earlier this year. The changes would have made sentences for crack cocaine and powder cocaine similar, but Congress and President Clinton rejected the changes. Digressing from the article, old racist Congress, old racist President Clinton, knowing that there is racial discrimination built into this system, would not allow it to be changed, even though the sentencing commission wanted them changed, even though some of these federal judges wanted changes. Back to the article, Strom said his oath to uphold the laws of the nation meant he had no choice in sentencing the four men. Quote, I don't believe I have the authority to depart downward because Congress rejected the rational and reasonable request of the sentencing commission, Strom said. If I thought I had the authority to depart from these sentencing guidelines, I would. I know it's no justification or solace to you but I'm saying to you there is no justification to this sentence, Strom told Maxwell. I apologize to you on behalf of the United States government. Each of the defendants asked the judge to stand up for his beliefs and to continue his fight to bring fairness to cocaine sentencing. Quote, I have not stopped fighting, Strom said. I'll continue to work at it and will continue to work on it until we have some rationality to these sentencing guidelines. He had said he hoped Congress would adopt compatible sentencing guidelines and do so retroactively so that each of those convicted of crack cocaine offenses could come back for resentencing. Maxwell said he could not understand why the judge could not depart from the guidelines. Quote, for more than 200 years a judge has been able to use his discretion in sentencing, Maxwell said, how can you justify not giving me a chance. You've got a lot of people who agree with your view of justice. Strom commended Maxwell for an eloquent argument but the judge said he felt he had no choice. Now when these racists