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black elementary school, found to be a dealer in methamphetamine. The judge, the same hypocritical judge who signed those DNA orders to justify sweeps in the black community, who signed an order to compel a black man to give a DNA sample, when one of the victims in a one-person lineup cleared him. When the affidavit that the cop presented to the judge said, this individual was cleared by the victim, the judge nevertheless signed the order and made this man go through it. His name is Jeffrey Marcuzzo. This judge had this teacher before him and said, you're a teacher and I hold you to a higher standard than others. But since I know your momma and she works with the diversion program, \$10,000 bond. If somebody is accused of domestic violence, accused of any number of other offenses of a nonviolent nature, \$10,000 is almost unheard of as a bond in Douglas County. But if it's somebody that the judge knows, or knows the parent, then it's that small bond. I'm the one who has argued that the purpose of a bond is to ensure that the person shows up for court appearances. That's not the way they administer that system in Douglas County. They'll put \$500,000 bond on somebody in a New York second. But this woman, the drugs were found. They were in a quantity that shows she was a dealer. She acknowledged she sold the drug for money. Ten thousand dollars bond, and she's given a different handling by the court system. If that had been a black teacher in a white school, found to be a meth dealer, there wouldn't have been a \$10,000 bond. There would have been much harsher words spoken. You're supposed to be a role model. You're dealing with children. How do we know that you're not making this available? Don't you realize methamphetamine causes death? And all the things that have been said on the floor. If you're not...if you're not black, you don't have to hear that. When Senator Flood talked about the killings that resulted during that bank robbery in Norfolk, he mentioned that these guys had been on meth, and that had they not...had meth not been involved, maybe the killings would not have occurred. I was just on the verge, before I was called on, making the point with Senator Flood that obviously the courts don't feel that meth has that much impact on a person's ability to think and control his or her actions, because they sentenced them to death. So maybe meth is considered to have much worse effect on white people and their conduct will be mitigated because they were on meth.