

They have said for many years "justice is blind." For those facing M11 crimes, I only wish that were true. M11 takes the blinds off justice and puts its accusers in a box and throws away the keys. It removes impartiality and objectiveness and discriminates against all those who fall under M11 crimes.

Unfortunately, my family has felt the ugly impact of M11. Pushing us to take a plea deal in the hopes that the sentence would be way less than what the DA's office was threatening our family with. We have felt the loss of our loved one being away from us each and every day for 6 ½ years. Our first grandson is now turning 8 years old. We have had 3 more grandchildren with one more on the way. My loved one never had a speeding ticket but because of M11 he has to serve 175 mths. He has been broken down and feels defeated. Prison has not reformed my loved one, it's only taken away his hope and replaced it with discouragement and sadness

M11 was passed back in 1994 with no consideration of the accused being 1<sup>st</sup> time criminals. Don't you feel like we have evolved since then? Crime has not gotten better and prisons have only gotten more overcrowded. Aren't there more fair and humane ways of sentencing criminals? By singling out a group of people under M11 and not allowing them the option to get out for good behavior is discrimination. Aren't we trying to move away from discrimination? It's beyond time to give everyone the opportunity to prove if they've been reformed and not just select groups that are outside the box of M11. Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. Isn't 27 years long enough to prove it isn't working? When will it be time to try something different and actually put the decisions back into the judge's hands where it belongs and hopefully get back to a time when justice really truly is blind?