

Measure 11 Testimony:

Measure 11 makes having judges and jury's pointless in the courtroom. It makes giving a sentence more about standardization, and not judging the individual situation and person(s) involved.

If you asked a random person,
"Hey, what would you sentence this person?"

They would probably say something along the lines of,
"Well, that depends. What did they do? Have they done stuff like this before? What kind of person are they?"

One size has never fit all. Especially when it comes to making a decision that will change and determine the remainder of someone's life. It does not treat the individual as an individual. I think anyone would expect that if they were ever in a legal situation that they would be treated as a individual, and judged based on their situation. Not given a standard sentence that doesn't match the situation. If we are just going to give people one size fits all sentences, why have a justice system in the first place? Because that's not justice, that's lazy and illegitimate sentencing. I believe that criminals should be punished according to their crime, their history of crime, and the what kind of person they are. There are definitely bad people who do bad things, but there are also good people who get into bad situations for whatever reason. Does that make them bad? No. Should they be punished? Yes, but not given a one size fits all sentence that ruins their whole life. The punishment should fit the crime and the person.

If you get pulled over for the first time for not using your signal, should you get a \$500 ticket?

No. We are human. We make mistakes.

If you have 10 unpaid tickets, and you get pulled over for not using a signal, should you get a \$500 ticket?

Yes, and then maybe get your license taken away because that person has shown that behavior before and they haven't changed.

We should leave sentencing for the judges who have been trained to make these decisions and jury who give 'a average person's perspective' to make decisions that impact people's lives and the lives of their loved ones. We shouldn't look at these situations so cut and dry. We are all people who deserve fair and legitimate punishment for our crimes.