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Making hard drugs a Class C Misdemeanor is NOT enough. Treating them like petty theft is a joke...ask the police. If they arrest someone for breaking in to a car, they are back on the streets within 3 hours. Public drug use will be treated the same, with zero deterrence value. Public use of hard drugs must be a Class A Misdemeanor, with mandatory treatment for first and second offenses, and serious consequences for repeat offenders. Otherwise we will continue to see public drug use, frequent overdoses, and the continued plague of addiction on our streets. Being "nice" to drug addicts is killing them.