

When learning about blogs and what I should write about. Current events was one of the topics suggested to me. I told myself that I would not indulge in current events. It is not fair for those of us in prison to strongly comment on issues or events that happen in the free world. Mainly because we are **at** the mercy of the messenger. When we hear a story, we only get the side of the messenger. We do not have the luxury of investigating for ourselves to get all the facts and put together the whole story for ourselves.

However:) sometimes, some things just need to be addressed. Recently a couple things happened that I strongly have to say to the world. Trust me. It's not like the world has a lack of topics I could address. For example, I have strong opinions about topics such as The botched execution in Oklahoma; The racist remarks of Donald Sterling; even the hypocritical sword created by Sultan of Bruni and the patrons of The Beverly Hills Hotel. However, two other stories have really gotten to me. I feel sharing my view will help me to release some stress. Lets call the first topic..

"KARMA"

In (I think) Oct. 2013. A 16 year old boy in Texas name Ethan Couch was driving while drunk. At the same time another group of people had pulled over to help a stranded motorist. Ethan Couch had a blood alcohol level 3 times the legal limit in Texas. He drove his car into this group of people. From my best recollection. 4 People were killed and 9 others injured. (One of the injured was paralyzed. A settlement was reached, which is why this story is back in the news). Normally, this would be another case of dui, that strengthens my argument that alcohol should be illegal in this country. Based on the fact, the life of another teenager is ruined because he had to drive while drunk. Well, this story is DIFFERENT! Because Ethan Couch's life is not ruined. In fact, he does not have to be accountable for his actions. Ethan Couch plead guilty and was sentenced to probation and rehab. OUTRAGE! Not only did the prosecutor agree to this deal (whom is supposed to be on the side of the people), the judge also approved and adjudicated the deal. The judge's job is to assure justice is served. HMMP!

Do not misunderstand me. I am a prisoner and honestly believe that prisons are used in the wrong manner and no one should be subjected to this kind of life. Even if you harmed society in a vicious and atrocious manner. Prisons should be used to properly cure one's destructive anti-social behavior. Restorative Justice should be the foundation of all punishments. This case, however, is so dispicable and disrespectful to the victims and their families, and society as a whole; The judge and prosecutor should be forced to give up their positions like Donald Stirling of the Clippers.

The prosecutor and the judge agreed that Ethan Couch was ill. He suffers from an illness that contributed to his actions and may not be addressed without rehab. Because of said illness he was given the punishment he was (if that what you want to call it). The illness you ask? Ethan Couch suffers from AFFLUENZA. Let me give you the definition of affluenza as described by the defense attorney: One, as in Ethan Couch, who suffers from affluence. Having privilege and never having to accept responsibility for one's own actions because of said privilege. Can you believe this shit!? A man kills 4 people and seriously injures 9 others. Because he has never had to accept responsibility for nothing in his life; for his punishment you want to let him NOT have to accept responsibility for this iether. You got to be kidding me?!

This is a spit in the face of the victims and the family members. These people were actively being productive citizens and aiding another person in need. Then some little stupid, spoiled, brat, pissy drunk, drives carelessly into others and destroys the lives of 13 people and their families. Yet, he don't have to be accountable because he is a real life Richie Rich! If you really want to teach this boy responsibility. Treat him like any other person. We all know what happens to the average person in this situation. They'd be soo deep and far into the prison system you would not rember their name.

I know a way that would ~~really~~ teach him a lesson and all will benifit. Send little Etahn Couch to State Prison. However, his sentence would be as such: 10 years for each death and 5 years for each injured person. He would have to do 85 years OR He can get out of prison after he can demonstrate clearly and convincingly that he under~~s~~stands the total ramifications of his actions and he is remorseful for all the damage his actions caused the victims, their families, his own family, society and ofcourse himself. I guarantee that will cure him of his affluenza. In his demonstration there will be restorative justice.

Some people will argue that his illness keeps him from having a fair trial. I would have to agree with that. According to the law. Knowing right from wrong is imparitive (even though this country has executed mentally retarded men). Nevertheless, I believe in this particular case an exception should be made. Not an exception to prosecute Ethan. I do not believe in bending the law to fit tailored justice. If you don't like the law, change the law. I do belive the exception should have been to Prosecute the one's responsible for Ethan's illness. Since this illness can be traced to a particular individual(s) who purposely caused it; they should be the one's held to accept responsibility for the actions of the one they taught didn't have to. In this case. The father should be in prison for the sins of his son.

Ethan Couch's punishment is not justice. It is a blatan slap in the face of the victims, the people of Texas and this country. Justice is supposed to be blind of status, color, creed, gender, etc...when it is not, as in this case. The people must stand up and demand it be restored. If not, the crack widens and more seeps through, until it becomes so normal, one is criticized for opposing it. That is when all is lost. Let me conclude by saying this.

Ethan Couch. Everyone has to pay for their actions. Kn~~o~~wing or unknowing. Had you stepped up to the plate and accepted responsibility today as a young man. You could have accepted your rightful punishment(whatever that is?) and been able to move on from that. Since you have not, because you continue to follow the people who got you in this situation in the first place. Your punishment will come when you have no more room for growth from the experience. You can't run from KARMA She will always find you and you will always pay for good or bad. Karma is unbias. The effect will have equal ~~weight~~ to the cause. No more, no less. KARMA: Divine compensation. Cosmic cause and effect, what you sow, so shall you reap. It is a process of evolution and growth, not punishment. We do pay our debts to one another so that our personal dramas may be completed and we may move on to a higher level of consciousness. It is my hope that after said recompense, you will have room for growth. I would like to leave you wih this. "Whatever misfortune happens to you, is beacuse of the things your hands have wrought, and for many of them He grants forgiveness." Holy Qúran 42:30 To the victims and their families of this sincless tragedy. It is my prayer that you find peace in your live's and souls, and that you are rewarded far greater than monetary compensation, in whatever form the universe chooses. With great respect,

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