

"Just take the plea, pay up, and we'll make this go away," they say.



Naturally, people take the "deal." And who can blame them?

PLEA



They threaten you with jail--and the disruptions, beatings, exposure to disease,



broken impoverished families



lost jobs and educational opportunities



and the permanent blot on your record that goes with it.

But in life, it pays to take a longer view. Taking the "deal" may make the problem go away for the short term, but extended over time, it will only get worse.

Once you've falsely admitted guilt under threat, they have you on a leash that will grow shorter and shorter as the years go by.

Just a few people taking cases to trial --even parking tickets!-- will back up court proceedings.

Courts are already so jammed, a few more cases could overload the system! They could easily lessen their caseload--yet they continue to disrupt the lives of decent people with charges for non-crimes.

VICTIMLESS "CRIMES" IN AMERICA

	open containers	possession	
	speeding	bicycling on the sidewalk	
	loud noises	parking	
	smoking	hundreds of other non-crimes	

If just 10 to 15 percent of those decent people decided to stop going along to get along, the court would load up with more cases than they could possibly handle. Often, prosecutors don't have a case against you, and may offer a better deal in an attempt to avoid trial.

Eventually, they'd have to drop the charges of people like you, who decided to go to trial. Once word began to spread, even more would be encouraged to join in.

You may say, "That's fine, but I can't afford to go to jail."

I might lose my job, and my family depends on me.



Fair enough--risk is involved.

But significant things in life don't come without risk.

Taking their plea "deal" is just giving them a break. Take your case to trial. If you lose--and you probably will--then you can likely take the community service option, or offer to pay the fines to a favorite local charity. Think how the court officials look when they *don't* accept it!



They say they are there to protect you, but their actions show that they just want to control you and take your money.

We can only bring that to an end by standing up and saying "NO!"



This was proven in Keene, New Hampshire with the historic 420 celebrations. Dozens of people acting free and weathering a handful of arrests have created a cannabis freedom zone every day at 4:20 in Central Square! It's been a tremendous success, with zero dollars spent in-the-system and no time wasted begging politicians for action.