

HAVE YOU EVER  
BEEN CONVICTED OF  
AN OFFENSE?

☐ YES

☐ NO

III WE ARE ALL III  
III CRIMINALS III



The only  
Story out there  
is the one

I tell

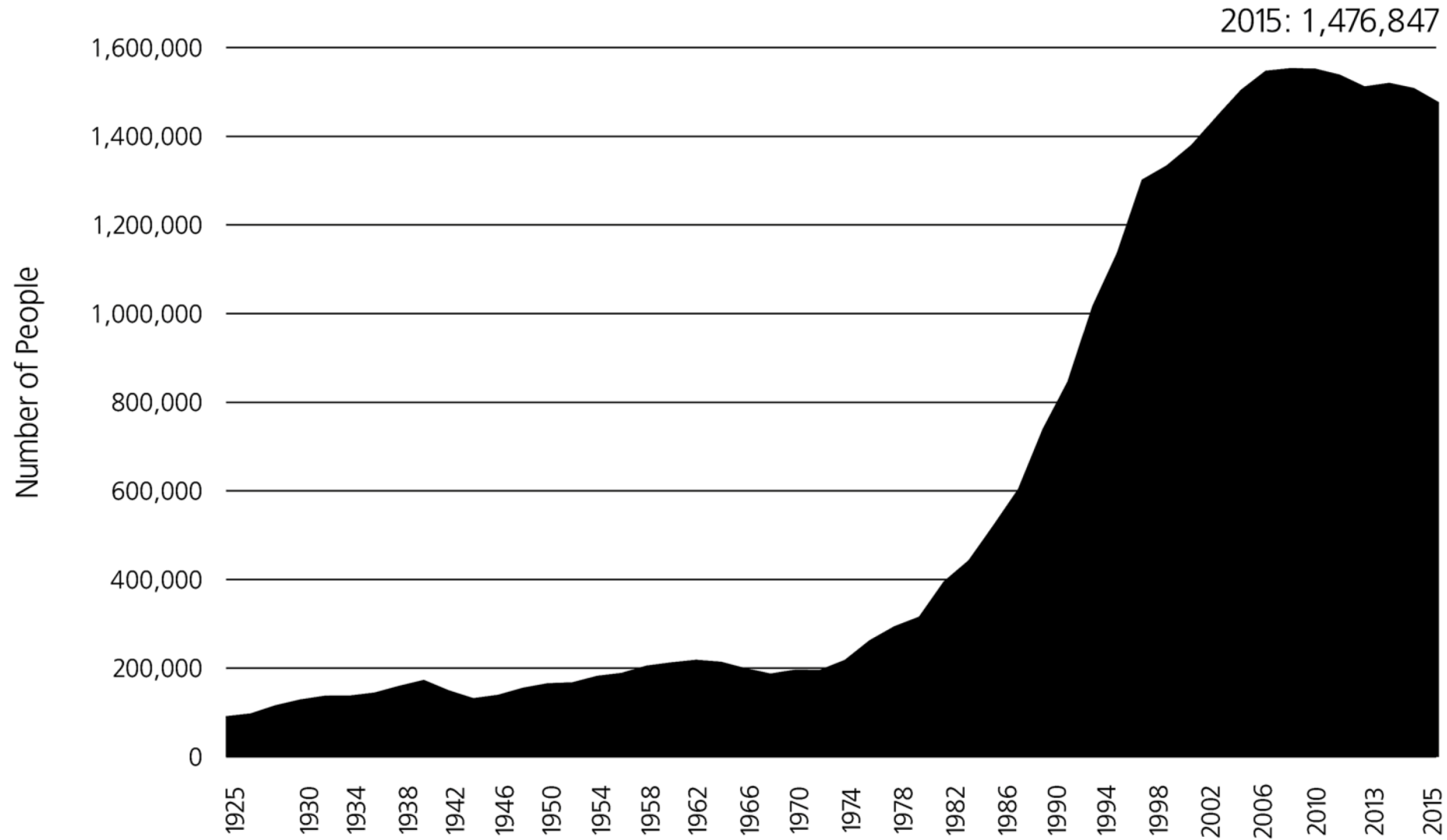


A person is holding a small, dark chalkboard sign with both hands. The sign has the text "DRUGS in Purse now." written on it in white chalk. The person is wearing a dark blue knitted sweater, a grey cardigan, and a light-colored, frayed scarf. They are standing in front of a wooden fence. The background is slightly out of focus, showing more of the fence and some trees in the distance.

DRUGS in  
Purse  
now.



# U.S. State and Federal Prison Population, 1925-2015



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics *Prisoners Series*.



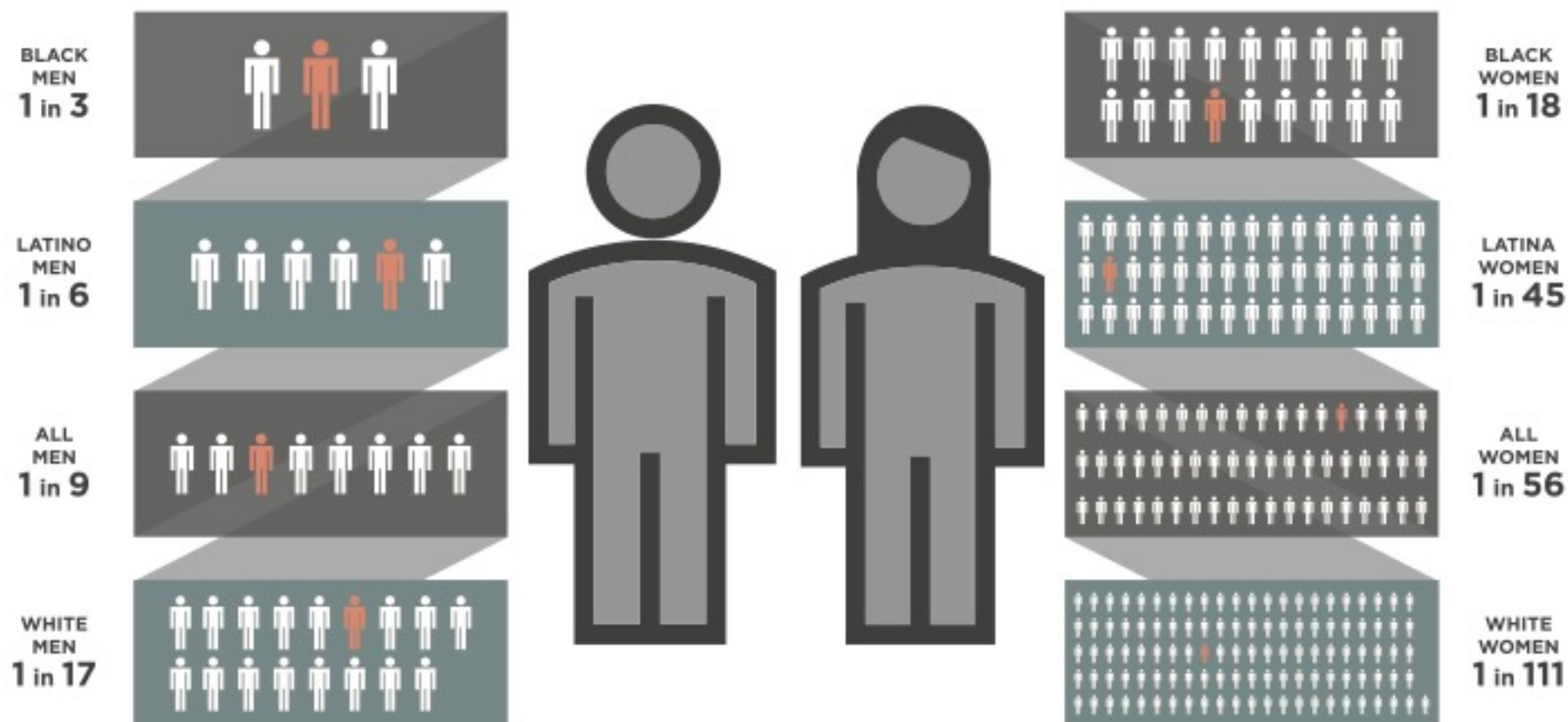
# ||| THE COST |||

\$80 billion per year on correctional control

## ||| THE HIDDEN COST |||

That doesn't include what communities spend to  
house, train, educate, counsel, treat, employ  
and otherwise transition people leaving custody

# LIFETIME LIKELIHOOD OF IMPRISONMENT



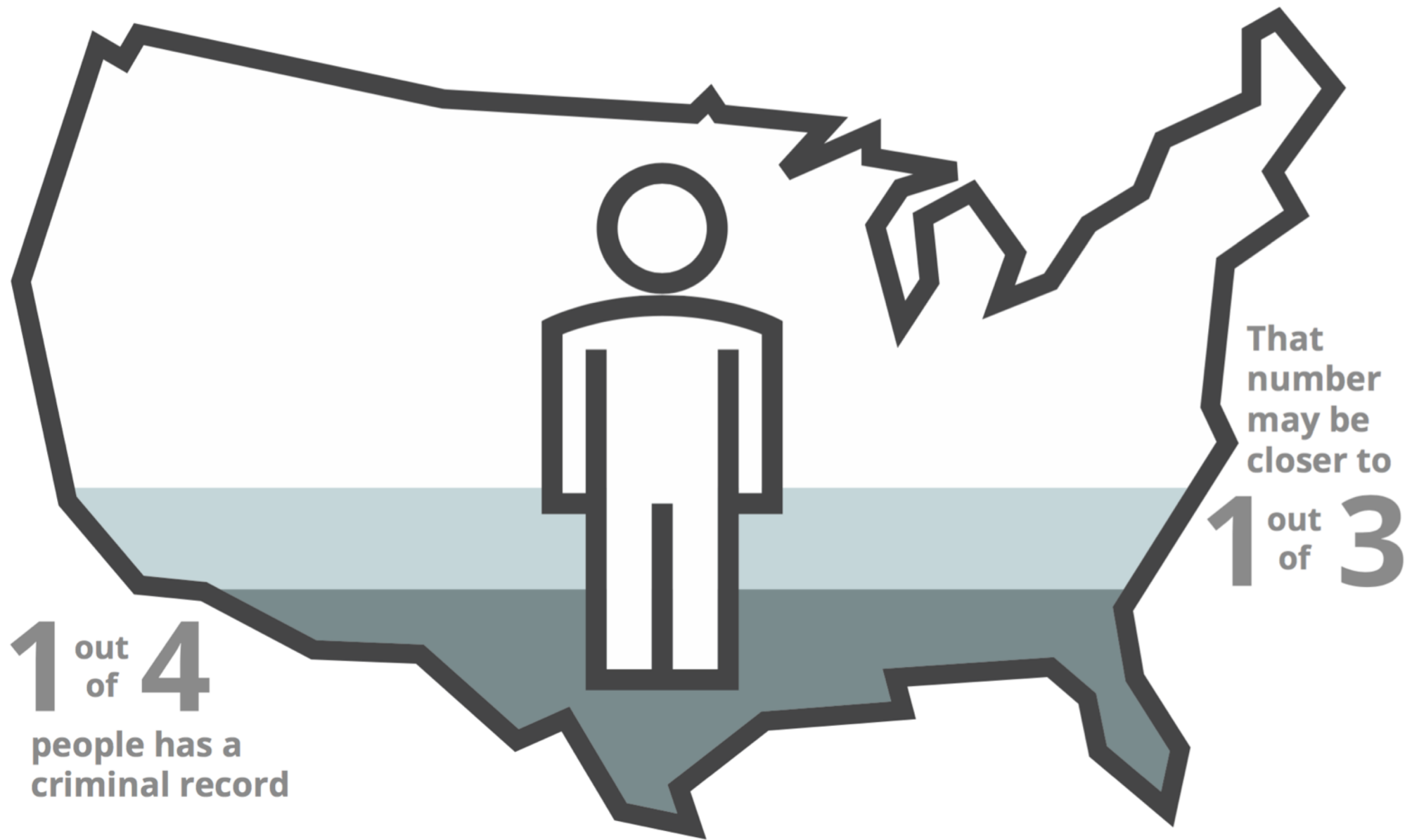
Source: The Sentencing Project



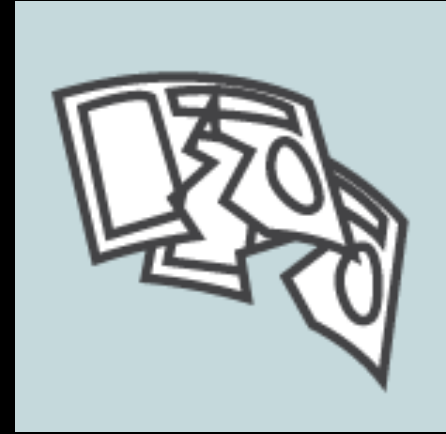
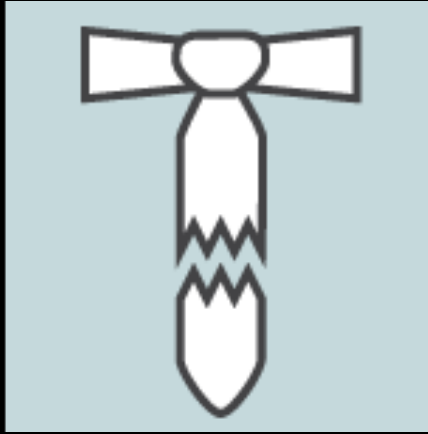


12.4 MILLION PEOPLE ARRESTED EACH YEAR









||| WE ARE ALL |||  
||| CRIMINALS |||



ABOUT

EVENTS  
& PRESS

GET  
INVOLVED

CONNECT

WEIGHING IN



DONATE

# ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE IN THE U.S. HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD **FOUR IN FOUR HAVE A CRIMINAL HISTORY**



[CLICK ON THEIR STORIES BELOW](#)

LUXURY TO  
FORGET

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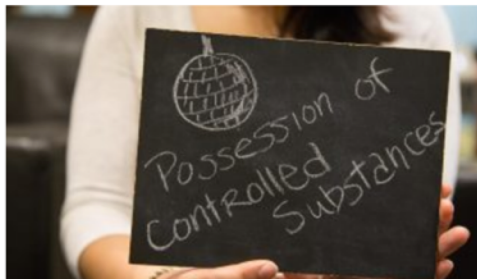
MORE THAN MY  
MUGSHOT

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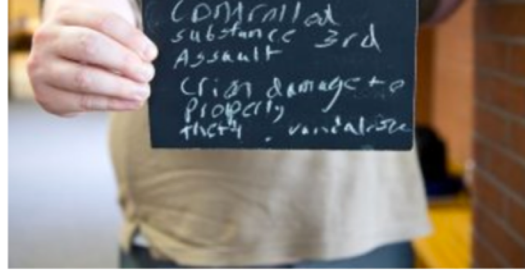


RIPPLE  
EFFECT

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Aggravated  
Robbery






Brought  
Loaded gun  
onto a plane.




Open bottle,  
petty theft



A person with light skin and freckles, wearing a white sleeveless top and red pants, stands in a garden. They are holding a small black rectangular sign with both hands. The sign has the word "Shoplifted" written on it in white chalk. The background is filled with various green plants, including tall grasses and leafy bushes, under bright sunlight.

Shoplifted



A person wearing a light pink tank top is holding a dark grey rectangular sign with white chalk-like text. The sign is held in their right hand and is positioned in front of their chest. The background is a lush garden with various plants, including purple flowers in the foreground and red lilies in the background. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Mayor's  
award for  
leadership

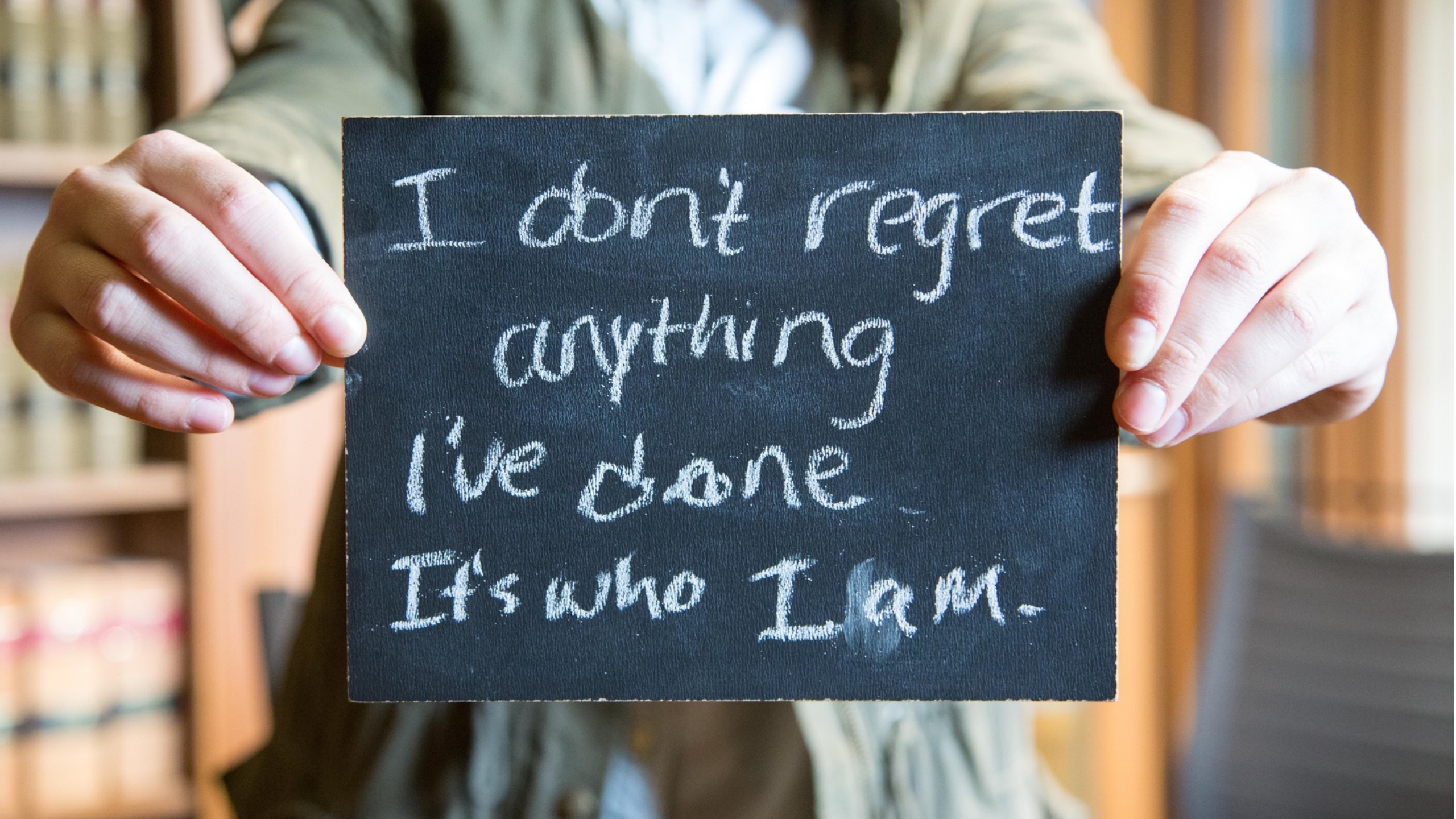










A person wearing a green jacket is holding a black rectangular sign with both hands. The sign has white text written on it in a casual, handwritten style. The background is a blurred indoor setting with wooden shelves.

I don't regret  
anything  
I've done  
It's who I am.



... I would  
not be here  
chasing my  
Dream





I am Sorry.

But you will  
never know.







OPEN





It was A  
Learning  
Experience



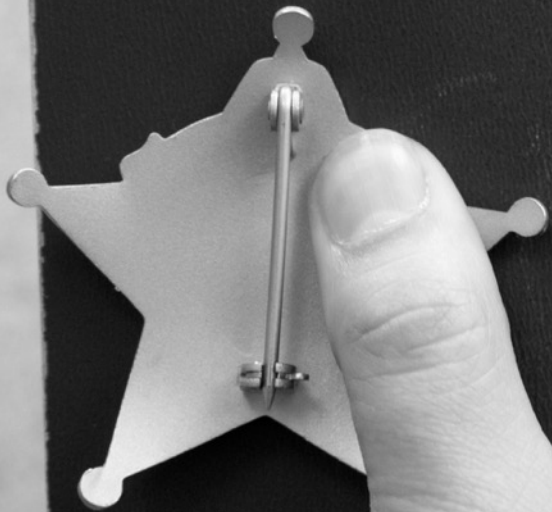
I AM NOT WHAT  
I HAVE DONE,  
I AM WHAT I  
CHOOSE TO BECOME



Teen  
Thief



I AM  
FLAWED





"Boys will  
be boys"











Aided &  
Abetted  
Drug Sale



SOLD  
WEED TO  
FOOTBALL  
PLAYERS







I Am  
MORE than  
mistakes



But this project is also a commentary on the disparate  
impact of our nation's  
policies, policing, and prosecution:


many of the participants benefited from belonging to a  
class and race that is not overrepresented in the  
criminal justice system.



DRUG USER

(but it's cool,  
I'm white)



A close-up photograph of two hands holding a small, rectangular white card. The hands are positioned on either side of the card, with the fingers gripping its edges. The skin on the hands appears aged, with visible wrinkles and some minor blemishes. The background is a solid, deep red color, which provides a strong contrast to the white card. The card contains two lines of text in a black, sans-serif font.

Good Judgement Comes From Experience.  
Experience Comes From Bad Judgement.



Weed and  
Ivy League  
Privilege







MICHAEL BROWN



PHIL QUINN



JOSEPH MURPHY



SARAH LEE CIRCLE BEAR



ALTON STERLING



ERIC GARNER

SANDRA BLAND



WALTER SCOTT

SAMUEL DUBOSE



PHILANDO CASTILE

OSCAR GRANT III



FREDDIE GRAY

TRAYVON MARTIN



JOHN CRAWFORD III

RENISHA MCBRIDE



PATRICK HARMON

KALIEF BROWDER



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The deck is  
stacked in  
my favor



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SUBJECT

# college ruled notebook

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70  
sheets

10.5"  
(26.7 cm)















See my beak, my wings, my eyes, and my feet. Discover what I eat, how I fly, and where I live. Then guess what kind of animal I am.

With beautiful color illustrations and simple text, this book makes an ideal introduction for young children to a well-known tropical animal.



WHAT AM I?

Bright, Lively, and Loud

Maira Butterfield

# Bright, Lively, and Loud WHAT AM I?



Maira Butterfield  
Wayne Ford















I Know who

I AM - I AM

NOT my Mistake



I hope you see a bit of yourself in the We Are All Criminals photos or in the stories.

I hope in that reflection, you take note of the context you allowed yourself and acknowledge that others may have been in a similar situation but were caught.

I hope some recognize the privilege you've experienced and appreciate that not everyone has benefited from that same privilege.

I hope you reflect upon how very different your own life would be had you been burdened by a record, and consider the foreclosed futures of all of those who have been caught.

Finally, I hope the project inspires you to take action.

If the criminal justice  
system was designed  
by people who believe  
they might one day  
be involved, we would  
HAVE JUSTICE!



Whats  
Your  
Story?



HAVE YOU EVER  
COMMITTED  
AN OFFENSE?

☐ YES

☐ NO



Privilege  
is hard  
to Confront







"Is There more?  
Obviously.  
But I've had  
the luxury  
TO FORGET."



Richard Allen McLemore|



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I'm Feeling Lucky



