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1) This is a lie and you are the shitpiece for repeating that lie. The man did not flee, but after being ordered out of the apartment, used his own cell to call 911 and then waited with the victim until paramedics arrived...

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2) Moreover, the principle underlying my support of leniency for Mark Johnson was rooted in my fundamental concern about the precedent of charging those involved in voluntary drug use who do, in fact, seek medical help and then remain with victims...

I know from two decades of crime reporting in Baltimore, and from a year observing the city's homicide unit, that responsible police agencies routinely do not charge those who seek medical aid for OD victims and who remain with those victims. To do so would inevitably...

...result in more victims being abandoned by those fearful of being criminally charged and more people dying before medical authorities could intervene. The decision by the US Attorney in this case to charge Johnson, who called for aid and remained with the victim, along with...

...the dealer who did everything to distance the event from his residence is precisely the kind of prosecution that will discourage those in such circumstances to abandon victims or to delay calling for medical aid. It was destructive in all respects. Lastly...

3) The decision by the US Attorney to charge in this case rather than so many other similar situations was, I believe, deeply rooted in the fact that the victim in this highly publicized incident was an attractive, white professional woman and the defendants were Black.

4) Had the racial dynamics, or the class distinctions been different, I do not believe that a man who called 911 for help and then waited for paramedics would have been so targeted by prosecutors or so hyped by the NY tabloids. Finally...

...fuck you for attempting to Twitter-drag me with a handful of misrepresentations and decontextualized distortions. You and your dishonesty can fuck right off to the frontiers of Assholistan and then proceed into the wilderness beyond, you shitmonger.