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Summary: Taking away a person's freedom is never something to be done lightly. But once addicted to fentanyl or the new meth, many users are not "free" to choose treatment—or any path out of addiction—in any meaningful way. Time away from these drugs, I believe, can help them regain their agency. In an era of rampant fentanyl and meth use, drug courts and a reimagined jail—alongside robust support for voluntary treatment—should be foundations for that revival. An arrest can be an act of compassion when the odds are that, outside, meth will drive a user mad, and fentanyl will kill him.

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