

FOR PROFIT PROBATION: THE POOR & DOUBLE JEOPARDY

During a probation meeting after losing her home, Ms. McNeil told her probation officer that she was sleeping by the creek. The officer demanded money anyway, saying, "We still gotta have payment."

stay in a trailer or bathe by the creek? yes
capitalism illuminates at its best while

giles county crickets grind a banjo song
wailing the sad-sad ballad of karen mcneil.
the refrain: *driving on a revoked license in TN—*

all mambo-jumbo, the words, total fines
symbols without meaning to an illiterate—

no one cherished "oxygen tank" or "cane,"
stipulations to exist among righteous folk.

under a ceiling of night stars karen wonders:
stay in a mobile or bathe by the creek? yes

all mambo-jumbo the words, total fines—
25 a week/ 45 a month/ 426 in supreme greed
equals chronic pain worse than the offense.

go to jail & die without meds. karen decided
in 1.2 minutes on video before a judge to plead.