

BLOOD FROM A TURNIP:

MONEY AS PUNISHMENT IN IDAHO

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The Problem

Harmful

Economic and social strain on families, racially discriminatory in practice, prevents rehabilitation and increases recidivism

Unlawful

Sometimes practices and policies run contrary to state and federal law (See *Beck v. Elmore County Magistrate Court*)

Costly

Minimal revenue or loss of revenue, especially when balanced against time and resources spent on collection



Wages were never enough we could not afford to have such payments.

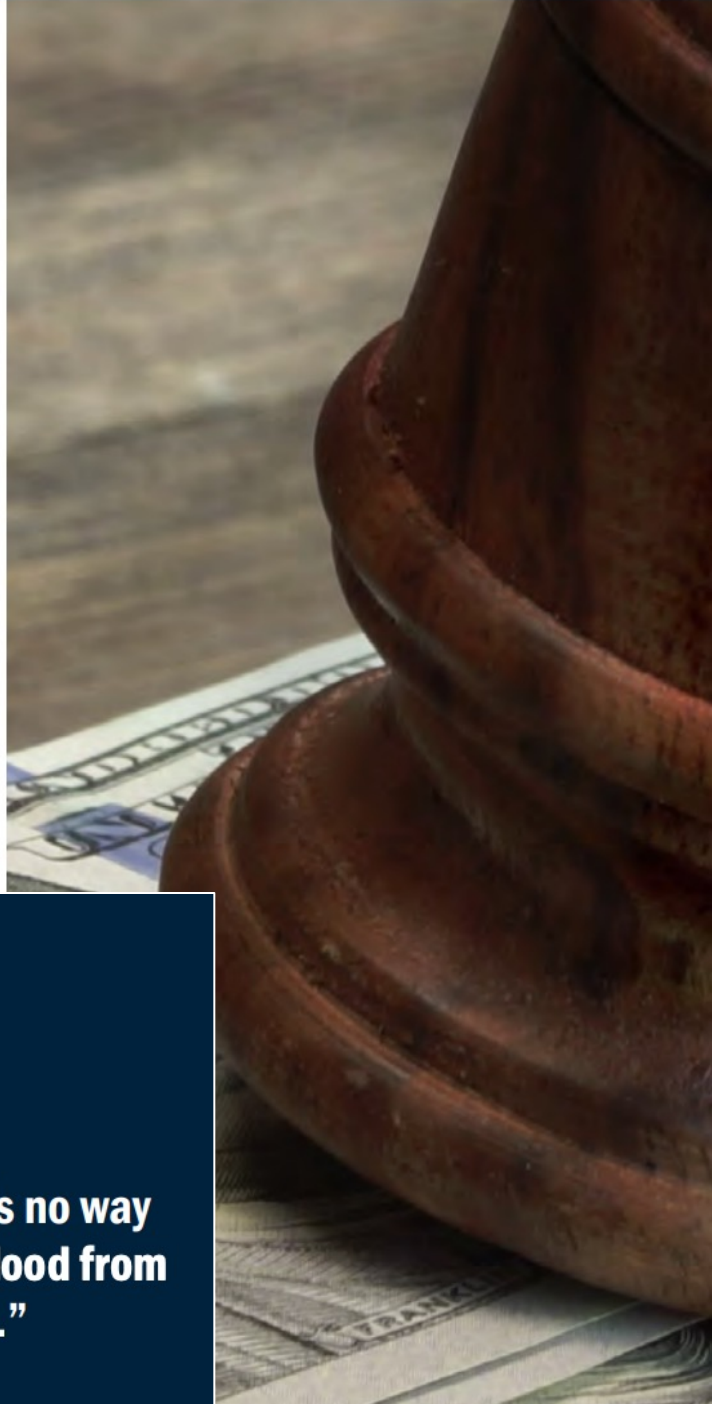
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Evaluations Report

In 2015, Idaho courts ordered \$65 million in fines and fees in criminal cases. 21% of cases in OPE's sample had not seen a single payment, and "the gap between the amount ordered and the amount collected has increased from 2001-2015."

Evaluation report
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Court-Ordered Fines and Fees



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to get blood from
a turnip."

Beck v. Elmore County Magistrate Court

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