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## THE TRUTH ABOUT BAIL REFORM

For years, the mainstream media, special interest groups and powerful politicians have lead Texans to believe the bail system is unfair and unnecessary.

Proponents of bail reform frequently use the example of Angela Jessie, or the "shoplifting grandmother," as a scapegoat for their cause. Texas Chief Justice Nathan Hecht recounted the case of Jessie, who was arrested for shoplifting \$105 worth of clothing, saying, "she sat in jail for almost two months because bail was set at \$150,000. Was she a threat to society? No." They frame Jessie as an innocent grandmother thrown in jail with an unreasonable and unattainable bail amount - but the truth is much more revealing.

### Misdemeanor Charges

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| 03/1987 | Theft                   |
| 10/1987 | Theft                   |
| 10/1987 | False Report            |
| 04/2002 | Possession of Marijuana |
| 02/2005 | Theft by Check          |
| 12/2012 | Criminal Trespass       |

### Felony Charges

|         |                                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 08/1988 | Possession of a Controlled Substance |
| 03/1989 | Theft Enhanced                       |
| 01/1990 | Robbery                              |
| 09/2003 | Theft Enhanced                       |
| 07/2004 | Theft Enhanced                       |
| 12/2006 | Theft Enhanced                       |
| 02/2007 | Theft Enhanced                       |
| 03/2008 | Possession of a Controlled Substance |
| 09/2009 | Theft Enhanced                       |
| 09/2013 | Theft Enhanced                       |

Jessie - a career criminal - actually has a lengthy rap sheet that includes over a dozen prior convictions for various misdemeanors and felonies - crimes including theft, robbery, drug possession and more.

So why are these facts always conveniently left out? Because it doesn't fit their narrative.

**Jessie's bail amount was set so high not because the bail system is unfair, but because the defendant is a career criminal with a penchant for disregarding the law and recommitting the same crimes.**

## **BAIL REFORM TREATS PERPETRATORS AS VICTIMS, AND VICTIMS LIKE THEY DON'T MATTER.**

This is just one of many examples of the mainstream media and special interest groups only caring about stories that fit their narrative. They conveniently leave out important facts that get in their way.

What else are bail reform activists hiding from Texans?