

||| WE ARE ALL ||| ||| CRIMINALS |||

One in four people in the U.S. has a criminal record.
This is the other 75%.

Participants in We Are All Criminals tell stories of crimes they got away with. The stories range from humorous to humbling, but all have one thing in common: they are privately held memories without public stigma. Each shows that often times the only thing separating *clean* from *criminal* is who gets caught.

PRIVATE MEMORY:

I SOLD WEED IN COLLEGE.
IT HELPED ME FIT IN.



When I got to college, I was one of the few freshmen who both smoked and knew someone who sold weed. I started buying it for friends, and then friends of friends. A few months in, I expanded to acid.

I'm not really in the demographic associated with dealers, and my customers were people I wouldn't have interacted with normally: footballers and frat bros.

By my junior year, it became less about having weed for my friends and myself, and more about keeping up with what people expected of me. After the last batch, I began redirecting my customers to another person. I miss them more than I thought I would.

IN THE NEWS:

COLLEGE ACCESS FOR THOSE WITH PUBLIC RECORDS

Colleges [commonly](#) ask prospective students to disclose previous criminal convictions on their applications and some make admission decisions based on sealed or petty juvenile offenses. The [NY Times Editorial Board](#) and [Center for Community Alternatives](#), among others, support legislative efforts to ban this box from college applications.

Drug offenses (even petty violations) at college come at a huge cost. Students convicted of such offenses are banned from receiving federal financial aid for at least one year post-conviction; three drug convictions trigger a lifetime ban on such funds. No other conviction carries such a consequence. Since being enacted, [estimates](#) are that **the ban has cost students approximately \$41 to \$51 million in Pell Grants and \$100 and \$164 million in federal loans – per year.**

PUBLIC RECORD: DRUG DISTRIBUTION

She started selling her ADHD medication to the popular girls once she realized that a few pills could transform her from a geek to someone who would occasionally get a "hey" in the hallways. She sold a few pills here and there in college, too. At least, she did until she was caught.

She was charged with a felony, suspended from school, and lost her funding. Now, sometime later and after a year of nursing school, she found out she's banned from getting her nursing license until she's 32.

ON THE DOCKET:

||| Dorsey + Whitney |||
Minneapolis, MN
9.30

||| MN Society for Human Resources
Management Annual Conference |||
St Cloud, MN
10.13

||| Association of Women
Contractors |||
Minneapolis, MN
10.24

||| Call for Justice |||
Minneapolis, MN
10.29

||| MN Council of Nonprofits Webinar
with Dept of Human Rights Commissioner
Kevin Lindsey |||
10.30

||| Nash Gallery |||
Minneapolis, MN
10.31

||| Midwest Mentoring Forum |||
Richfield, MN
11.6

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