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Dave: We are working on a story about this news release.

Would your office care to comment?
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NAN demands Michigan set up special court for lead poisoned juvenile offenders in Flint

(11/2/15 Detroit, MI)- The Michigan National Action Network (NAN) says that the State of Michigan needs to immediately set up a special court in Genesee County to hear the cases of any juvenile offenders that may have been poisoned by lead contaminants in Flint water the juveniles may have consumed.

"The recent handcuffing of a 7-year-old child by Flint police has profound implications beyond the obvious over reaction of the officer," says Sam Riddle state political director of Michigan NAN.

"Criminalization of children only enhances the grade school to prison pipeline. But now that inhumane pipeline may be aided and abetted by behavioral issues caused by lead poisoning that also can be the source for irreversible brain damage," said Riddle.

"All juvenile offenders arrested, charged or incarcerated in Genesee County that may have consumed Flint water during the period of lead contamination should be tested for lead content in their blood.

The State of Michigan should immediately establish a court to hear cases with treatment, counseling and outcomes other than incarceration for behavior the state played a central role in creating with its mishandling of Flint water," concludes Riddle.

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