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In defense of (when it shouldn't even be required) State's Attorney Kim Foxx

COAL came upon the following response an elected official gave to a supporter regarding the official's expressed strong support for State's Attorney Kim Foxx.

It is succinct and very much on point, so we share it with you should any of you get asked the same question:

"After my prior endorsement newsletter went out, someone asked me about State's Attorney Foxx and her handling of the case involving Jussie Smollett. Here's my reply: If you strip away the defendant's notoriety as an up-and-coming celebrity, Smollett was simply a first-time, non-violent offender. This case was handled by the State's Attorney's office the same way it would have been handled for any other first-time low-level offender. In fact, Foxx's office has increased alternatives to prosecution by 25 percent, giving non-violent offenders the chance to avoid prison. The State's Attorney's Office has limited resources and in order to reduce violence – a goal we all share – Foxx sought to prioritize *violent* crime to keep our streets safe. In addition, Smollett forfeited a \$10,000 bond and did community service. He didn't get away with the crime.

Foxx's opponents want to keep talking about this case to distract from her strong record of safety and criminal justice reform. The national criminal justice movement is watching this race and if Foxx loses, criminal justice reform will suffer nationally and the progress she has made will be set back."

The community will not let that happen.

And that is the 'Stone COAL Truth'.