Race Judicata

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Hello, APDs,

Greetings from the North Carolina Public Defender Committee on Racial Equity, NC PDCORE! This is a group of and for public defenders with a mission to reduce and ultimately eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system. A few months back, James Williams, the Chief Public Defender for 15B, sent around a link to our website, which is <http://ncids.com/pd-core/>.

This website has a wealth of data and information. The resources linked on the website are designed to inspire you in your daily fight against racial injustice and to help you effectively litigate race. We recognize you are busy folks, so we will be sending a weekly blog-style e-mail entitled *Race Judicata*. This e-mail will break down these resources for you into digestible five-minute posts that you can read (or watch) over your lunch break or while waiting in court. So, let us begin:

One of NC PDCORE’s recommended films is [*The House I Live In*](http://youtu.be/QsBDvxy5qQY), a **must-watch** documentary about the failed war on drugs and its devastating impact. [This clip](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8N0TDsjpkE&feature=youtu.be) about the chain of destruction particularly inspired me. I strongly encourage you to watch the film in its entirety. It changed the way I think about my job. The film is available on Netflix, or for two dollars on YouTube or Amazon.com.

We would love for you to join our organization! You will find the link to do so on the bottom right portion of the [webpage](http://ncids.com/pd-core/). If you have feedback about *Race Judicata*, we’d love to hear from you. Please respond to the original poster only, rather than the APD listserv.

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