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Speaking the Language of Prosecutors – Taking a Case from Investigation to Verdict

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Challenges to Bringing These Cases

1. Shame and underreporting—vulnerable victims who are embarrassed
2. Complexity of cases—voluminous files with lots of math involved
3. Foreign defendants—extradition more expensive than amount of restitution
4. Emphasis on violent crime—prison time and prosecutors' priorities

This is Not Insurance Fraud



This is Arson and Murder



F – Facts

I – Issues

R – Rules

A – Application



C – Conclusion



Five Types of Evidence

1. **Direct**
2. **Circumstantial**
3. **Physical**
4. **Testimonial**
5. **Other Crimes**



THU	FRI	SAT
 40%	 60%	 70%
90	86	84
	73	73



Meteorologist Brad Sowder



Five Defenses

1. **Some Other Dude Did It (SODDI)**
2. **I Didn't Do It**
3. **Of Course I Did It**
4. **The Devil Made Me Do It**
5. **Maybe You Did It**

Embezzlement



Beverly Brown



Elijah's Restaurant

Obtaining Property by False Pretense



Oliver Wells



Extortion



Otis Lee Howell



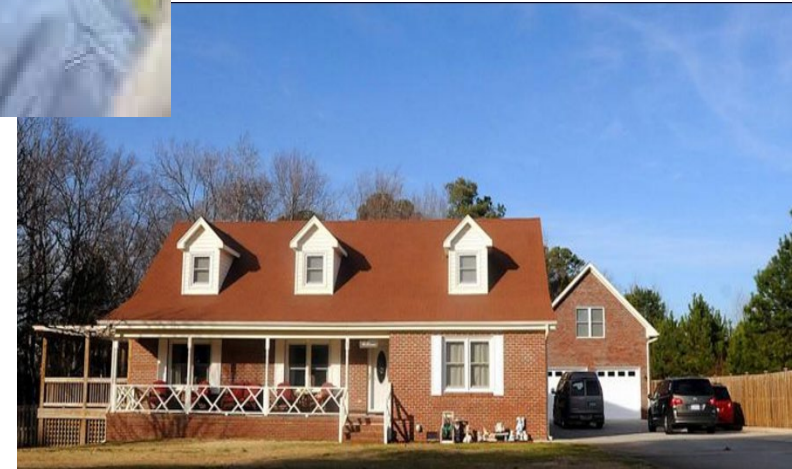
Price Gouging



Public Corruption



Billy Williams



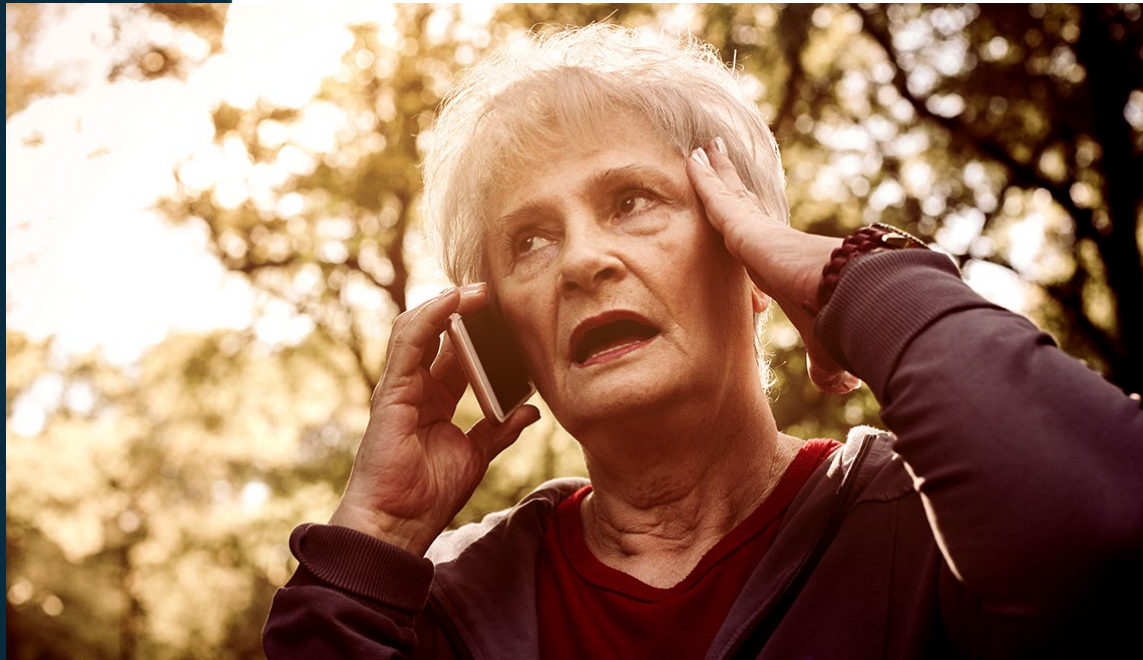
Pension Scam



Amy Stewart



Phone Scams



Turn Weaknesses to Strengths

1. **Shame → Innocent victims**
2. **Complex → We like a challenge**
3. **Extradition → Getting justice at home**
4. **Violent Crime → Greatest harm**

Speak the Language of Prosecutors

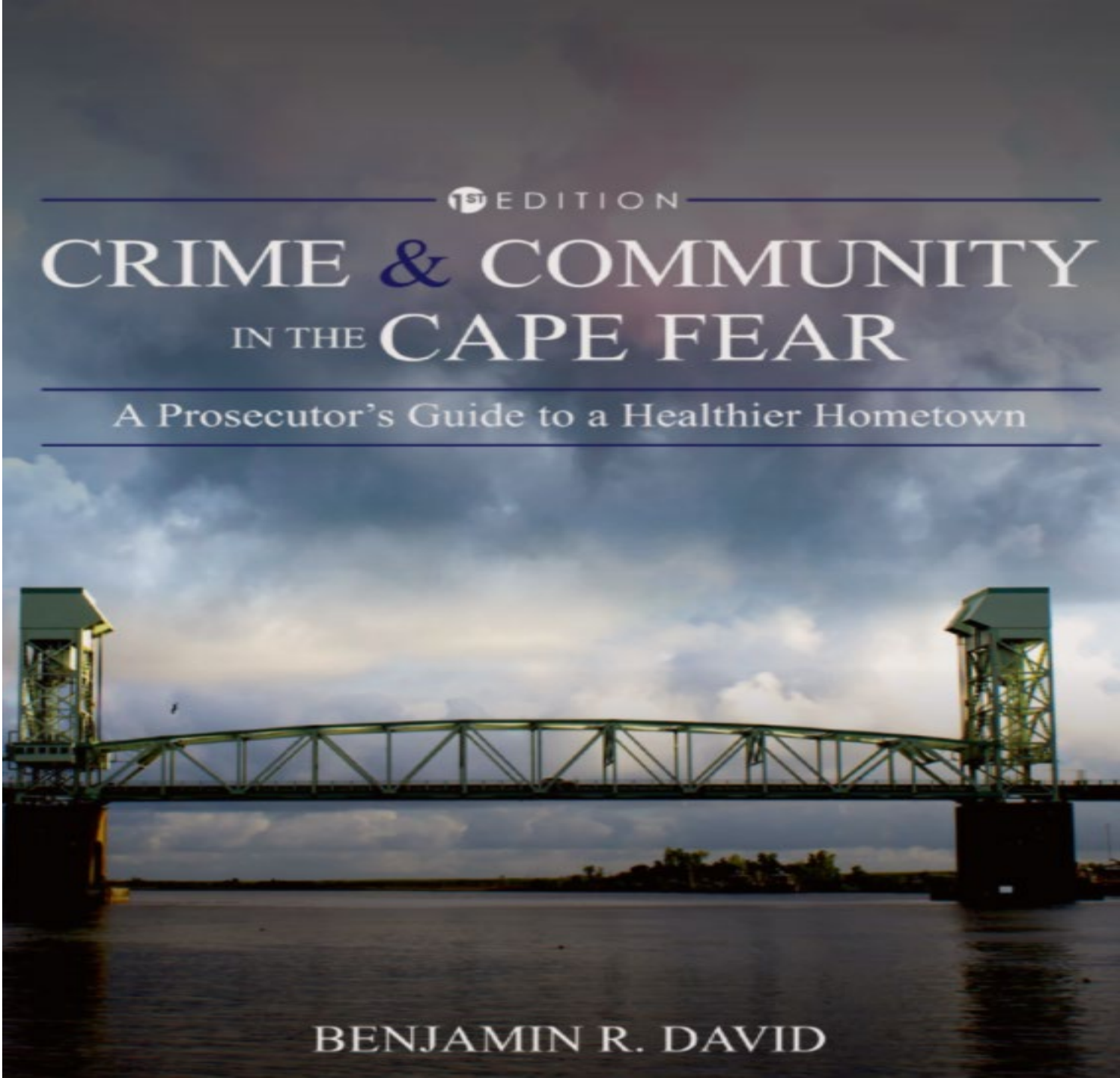
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