

## SHOW NOTES

### Episode 2: The Making of a “Superpredator”???

Sterling Cunio used to play football and ride bikes around the neighborhood with his friends. He won the Most Mannerly Kid award. But several tragic circumstances changed the trajectory of his life, pushing him into foster care, and later the juvenile justice system. What happened? How did he come to commit such a horrible crime?

Watch Sterling’s lawyers explain the complexities of his case in our 3-minute video: *A Legal Quagmire*

#### **Featured in this Episode:**

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