

NRSC: Dems grasping at straws attacking GOP on crime

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Washington, D.C. – The Democrats are fully on defense when it comes to crime. Republicans have called out Democrats – like Mandela Barnes and John Fetterman – for their soft-on-crime records and voters don't like what they're hearing. They also see the results of the Dems' records daily that are making their communities less safe.

Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes has [ZERO](#) active-duty law enforcement officer endorsements and his [hometown's police association endorsed](#) Sen. Johnson over him. Now, he is making huge stretches to turn the tables on Ron Johnson. But, as [Politifact](#) rules: the claims are FALSE.

Mandela Barnes

stated on September 2, 2022 in News release:

"Ron Johnson has voted against funding for law enforcement and recently opposed a plan to recruit and train new officers "



Lt. Gov. John Fetterman is also panicking. An ad he launched misleads voters on his crime record. As [FactCheck.Org](#) reports:

A sheriff featured in an ad defending U.S. Senate candidate John Fetterman accurately states that Fetterman "voted with law enforcement experts nearly 90%

*of the time” on the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons, and voted to give “a second chance” to nonviolent offenders. **But it’s what the ad doesn’t say that may mislead viewers.***

*Reviewing just commutation cases for inmates serving life sentences, we found that Fetterman and the board’s corrections expert voted the same 69% of the time. **There were 26 times when Fetterman voted to commute life sentences — mostly for first- or second-degree murder — and the law enforcement expert voted not to.***

Statement from NRSC Spokeswoman Lizzie Litzow: “Now that their soft-on-crime records are amplified and known by voters, Mandela Barnes and John Fetterman are panicking. They are grasping at straws trying to defend themselves. But with 39 days to go, voters see right through it.”