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Subject: This is one of the saddest and amzaing things i've seen

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=[DT=gbull=[L]=]its not all about revenge, revenge is a bi-product of what the death penalty is, Not the main purpose. The main purpose of the death penalty is the deterence of committing a murderous act. Do on to others as you would want others to do to you - you murder, you die. Simple as that. Makes abiding the law really easy doesnt it.

Court rulings are not the "deterants" you claim them to be. They have deterrent properties, but that is the nature of the statement "don't do the crime if you can't do the time". When law makers sit down, they don't say "how can we make this law so damning that people won't commit the act?" If they did, it would defeat the entire purpose of fairness that a trial and a judgement are MEANT to have. One could potentially change petty theft into an offense punishable by death as a "deterent". But that isn't very fair, now is it? That is why you have judges ruling restitutions equal to that which is lost (with the exceptions of pain and suffering and other subjective claims) and not billions of dollars for a stolen baseball card.

Remember, you don't go to court for revenge, you go to court to get returned to you what is rightfully yours. In the case of death, no complete restitution can be arranged because we cannot raise the dead. Now, if that statement is true, then killing those who kill does not give anyone anything, because restitution is not revenge, and therefore is (supposed to be) outside the court's abilities.

Perhaps Warranto can explain to you what restitution is supposed to mean in a court of law, and what the purpose of said court really is. He's the lawyer in training.

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