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Those Among Us

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To check if there are registered sex offenders in your neighborhood, visit: <http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/>. We can learn the faces, names and addresses of the 108 registered sex offenders in Loudoun County (four of whom are currently wanted for failure to re-register). Registered sex offenders must submit their names, addresses, license plate numbers, e-mail addresses, fingerprints and pictures with the Virginia State Police, the agency that handles the sex offender registry, keeping their identity in the public eye long after they finish their incarceration or probation.

Even if they go on vacation, registered sex offenders must alert the state police of both Virginia and the state where they will be going of the address where they will be.

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The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, which former President George W. Bush signed into law in 2006, organized sex offenders into three tiers. The tiers determined how often a sex offender needs to re-register with law enforcement officials, which is the state police in Virginia. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has a sex crimes unit and will work with the Virginia State Police on locating sex offenders if they are involved in a criminal investigation in Loudoun County, but the state police handle locating sex offenders and maintaining the registry, said Kraig Troxell, public information officer for LCSO.

Any person convicted of a violent sex offense, qualifying as Tier 3, must re-register with the state police every 90 days for the rest of their lives. Those that qualify as Tier 2—"an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and comparable to or more severe than the following federal offenses involving a minor: sex trafficking; coercion and enticement; transportation with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity; abusive sexual contact," including "any offense involving use of a minor in a sexual performance, solicitation of a minor to practice prostitution, or production or distribution of child pornography" – must update that information every 180 days for 25 years. Tier 1 offenders, which are offenders of lesser sexual crimes, must re-register once a year for 15 years.

To register or re-register, offenders may go to the state police headquarters or go to their local law enforcement, depending on the precinct. "Some local precincts will direct offenders to the state police and won't do it, but some will," said Corinne Geller, public information officer for Virginia State Police. "It's up to the local agency to decide if they want to register sex offenders or not."

Once the offender gets to the state police headquarters, they must stand in line with people waiting for a variety of



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services; there are no designated lines just to register. Depending how many people are there in front of them, they may have to wait, “but it’s not like lines at the post office before Christmas,” Geller said.

What may take additional time, Geller said, is waiting for the right people to show up to help. Some headquarters may only have a secretary there, but a sergeant or trooper is required to take photographs or fingerprints. The offenders can fill out the forms at home, which can speed up the process, but depending on their registration requirements, waiting for a law enforcement official can account for most of the time of the registration process, especially during rush hour, Geller added.

The Virginia Code states that the purpose the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry “[S]hall be to assist the efforts of law-enforcement agencies and others to protect their communities and families from repeat sex offenders and to protect children from becoming victims of criminal offenders by helping to prevent such individuals from being allowed to work directly with children.”

The registry was moved online in 2006 in Virginia, making the information even more accessible to the public. Before it was online, the information was made available by request from the state police.

“The benefit of a registry is it allows members of the community to know who they should keep an eye on in their community with regard to their children,” said Scott Shellenberger, the State’s Attorney for Baltimore County. “Imagine if your child becomes friends with a student in school and you learn too late that the student’s father is a sex offender. Knowledge like this gives parents the power to protect their children.”

Offending Again

There are two opposing views about likelihood of offenders to commit further sex crimes once released. The U.S. Bureau of Justice statistics reveal that the recidivism rate – or tendency to lapse into a previous behavior – for sex crimes is four times higher than for other offenses.

However, some attorneys feel differently. “The government and the media portray convicted sex offenders as having a high risk of recidivism,” said Atchuthan Sriskandarajah, an attorney who specializes in sex crimes in Maryland, Virginia and Massachusetts, on his Web site. “However, it has been statistically proven that sex offenders have a much lower rate of recidivism than those who commit most other types of crimes.”

“The government claims that the benefit of the sex offender registry helps prevent sex offenders of committing future crimes. However, a number of sex offender therapists admit that the current sex offender registry programs cause a number of sex offenders who are required to register to flee the state and go into hiding in an endeavor to escape the draconian registration requirements imposed upon them,” Sriskandarajah continued.

A 2007 Tennessee Bureau of Investigations study found that in three years, 44.1 percent of released sex offenders had no further interaction with the criminal justice system, compared to 22.2 percent of released offenders of other crimes during that time. When there were other interactions, 28.1 percent of released sex offenders were recommitted into the Tennessee Department of Corrections, as opposed to the 51.6 percent of other offenders who were recommitted to the Tennessee DOC when they had further contact with the criminal justice system.

Treatment

Treatment is a huge factor in the rates of recidivism, said Tim App, the director of operations for the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center (CPC), a group of clinicians and criminal justice professionals who manage sex offender treatment programs in 35 locations across the country.

“With weekly treatment, the rate of recidivism drops to the single digits,” App said. The rates of recidivism rise with more time out of treatment. When supervision ends, they tend to drop out of treatment, and that is the most dangerous, he said.

Many members of the criminal justice system agree that treatment is more influential than registration when it comes to committing sex crimes again.

“Registration is simply a public announcement of a legal verdict that was obtained at some point after the individual has been punished by a court,” said Andrea Moseley, a criminal defense attorney with **Zwerling, Leibig & Moseley in Alexandria**. The announcement is not intended to help the offender in any way, she said.

“Whether registration helps the community is simply a fact that is in the eye of the beholder of the information,” Moseley continued. “As a member of this community, I would feel safer if more resources were devoted to treatment which, in my opinion, increases the chances that a past offender will not re-offend.”

“Think of it like treating alcoholics,” App said. The CPC works with sex offenders toward recovery, not a cure, he said. It helps the offenders understand their thoughts and feelings that lead them toward that cycle of behavior, while also teaching them new skills to help intervene should those feelings reappear so they can help themselves.

“There is only one certificate of completion: a death certificate,” App said.

App’s program works in four stages – taking responsibility for their actions, understanding their behavior and faulty cognitions, learning new techniques and skills, and practicing their new skills every day.

Reintegration

Moseley suggests that ex-offenders be released into the community with a realistic opportunity to become employed and self-sufficient. She said that the conviction will be recorded in the criminal justice system, with or without the sex offender registration requirement. However, many places will refuse to hire people with criminal backgrounds, making it less likely for them to reintegrate into society. Other problems occur when the state police go to the offenders’ place of employment to verify the location registered, sometimes informing the employers for the first time of the employees’ previous offenses. This has resulted in some employers firing the offenders, Srisandarajah said.

The courts are equipped to dispense punishment and have the appropriate power to render sentences to provide

the community with protection, Moseley said. "Sex offense registration is an attempt to continue to civilly do that which a court already has the power to do on its own during the course of our criminal adversarial system of justice," she said.

Other Qualifying Acts

The U.S. Department of Justice reports that there are more than 500,000 registered sex offenders nationwide. Sex offenders are becoming even more prevalent as offender status is implemented for different acts. In Ohio, a fifteen-year-old girl faced registering as a sex offender after being caught text messaging nude photos of herself, or "sexting" on her cell phone. She was charged in juvenile court with possessing criminal tools and the illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material

The issue of young couples who are close in age, but straddling the age of consent, presents another issue when it comes to sex offenses. The age of consent varies from state to state, but is 18 years of age in Virginia.

"The percentage of young people ["sexting"] is outstanding," said App. People are trying to identify it as a sex offense and make examples of people who are caught, App said, but he does not support that.

In 2007, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana and Texas instituted a "Romeo and Juliet" law, which address an 18-year-old being in a relationship with a 14- to 16-year-old minor. These laws earned their name because Romeo would have been 16 when his relationship started with 13-year-old Juliet, which would have qualified him as a sex offender by today's standards.

One of the more publicized cases that led to the creation of the Romeo and Juliet law occurred when 17-year-old Genarlow Wilson engaged in consensual oral sex with a 15-year-old female in Georgia. He was sentenced in 2005 to ten years for aggravated child molestation, plus lifetime registration as a sex offender. After serving two of those years in jail, the Georgia Supreme Court released him and changed the law to make consensual sex between teenagers a misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of one year.

Virginia does not have Romeo and Juliet laws by that name, but Virginia statute reads, "If any person carnally knows, without the use of force, a child thirteen years of age or older but under fifteen years of age who consents to sexual intercourse and the accused is a minor and such consenting child is three years or more the accused's junior, the accused shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony. If such consenting child is less than three years the accused's junior, the accused shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor."

Local Resources

The Virginia State Police also instituted a community notification program where community members may sign up for alerts if a nearby sex offender's status changes – if they left the area or if a new one moved in – which are sent automatically, free of charge. Other organizations have similar alerts, but charge money for them, Geller said, but the state police's system is updated on a 24-hour basis and is free to all users.

Comments

Mary of RSOL of Virginia (not verified) on Thu, 2009-07-02 15:32

Who do our State and our Federal Legislators Stigmatizing as a Sex Offender?

How easily could it be you, your spouse or your child?

Are Virginians aware that their teenagers are having consensual sex which could result in the older teen being convicted of sexual assault, battery or rape, a prison sentence and being listed on the Sex Offender Registry for 15 years, 20 years or for a lifetime?

Are Virginians aware that their teenagers are e-mailing and texting nude photos of themselves and others? This could result in both teens being charged with creating, distributing and possessing child pornography with time in prison and being listed on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry for a lifetime.

Are Virginians aware that if they have knowledge that their juvenile child is having consensual sex with someone of 18 years or older, they (the parent) can be convicted of indecent liberties by person of supervision and listed as a "violent offender" on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry for a lifetime if they do not report the older offender?

Are Virginians aware that because of the "Victim's Rights Laws & Rape Shield Laws" an ACCUSATION ALONE is sufficient for a conviction, a prison term of 5 to 25 years or even life and then being listed on a Sex Offender Registry most likely for life?

Are Virginians aware that NO evidence, NO witness, NO dates or times have to be given by the accuser and that the accusation itself is entered as evidence during a trial?

Are Virginians aware that the accused CAN NOT defend themselves by supplying evidence or witnesses that can prove the accuser is lying and had a motive to lie?

Are Virginians aware that the accuser only has 21 DAYS to recant a lie? Any amount of time after 21 days, the wrongful conviction, the sentence, the prison term and remaining on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry stands. If a witness was found 15 years after a murder case that could convict the murderer or if DNA was discovered to free a wrongfully convicted person 25 years later why can't an accuser recant and the conviction be stricken from the record?

Are Virginians aware they are no longer innocent until proven guilty in America when there is a sexual claim; they are guilty and not allowed to prove their innocence?

There is a huge difference between stealing a newspaper and robbing a bank, both crimes are considered theft but both are differentiated by law and society.

Are Virginians aware that the current laws that label someone as a Sex Offender in the U.S DO NOT differentiate? Whether you are accused of teenage consensual sex, sexting, urinating in public, mooning, streaking, flashing, pinching or touching someone or being a serial rapist upon your return to society, conviction and sentence will be the same.

Are Virginians aware that a VERY large number of Registered Sex Offenders have never touched or raped

anyone, let alone a child? But guilt by association on the Sex Offender Registry labels them all as a “pervert”, a “pedophile” and a “predator” for life.

Are Virginians aware that in both 2006 and 2008 the Virginia General Assembly re-classified ALMOST ALL (90%) “Non-Violent” Offenders who were not considered any threat by the courts based on the evidence of their particular case to a “Violent” Offender status? This re-classification by the Virginia General Assembly increased the “registered” person’s time on the Virginia Sex offender Registry from 10 years to a lifetime and changed their in-person re-registration from once a year to every 90 days.

Are Virginians aware that the Federal Adam Walsh Act recommends a Three Tiered Classification System, but Virginia has ignored this recommendation? Tier-One Offenders would update their whereabouts once a year for 10-15 years, while Tier-Two Offenders would update every 6 months for 15-25 years. Tier-Three Offenders (the Most Violent AND Repeat Offenders) would be required to check in every 3 months for the rest of their lives. The Tiers would be set by the court based on the evidence from each case and Legislators could not change the classification on a whim and retroactively. Tier-One Offenders could also be left off the Public Registry.

Are Virginians aware that the Federal Adam Walsh Act mandates the youngest offenders that require registration should be 14 years of age, but in 2005 the Virginia General Assembly lowered it to 13 year olds? Then in 2008 the Virginia General Assembly attempted to lower it again to 12 year olds.

Are Virginians aware that 1 out of every 210 Adult Male (18 years or older) in Virginia is on the Sex offender Registry Right Now?

Are Virginians aware that this number will NEVER decrease; it will only increase (about 1,200 every year) due to the ever increasing laws passed by the State and Federal Legislators?

The situation that has been imposed upon the “Registered” is that; under the guise of protecting our children, the Legislators are in fact repeatedly trying, convicting and re-sentencing Citizens without even notifying them that this has occurred. To resentence a Citizen of Virginia and the United States without giving them the opportunity to testify on their own behalf is clearly a violation of their Constitutional Rights.

Our Legislators have taken a group of people and used them as a platform to win elections and instill fear into the parents of our country so that they look like heroes. People that are not child-molesters, pedophiles and perverts have all been bucketed into one massive Registry and must endure a lifetime of shame.

The Sex Offender Registries are extremely costly both financial and to the families of the registered. It will cost \$12 Million for Virginia to comply with the Adam Walsh Act, but the state would only lose \$400,000 (Byrne Grant) if they do not comply. Contrary to popular belief among the Legislators there is indeed hardship related to being listed on a Sex Offender Registry. The lives being destroyed are not just the “registered”, but their spouse, their children and every family member sharing their name and address.

When you are a Registered Sex Offender, you struggle to find and keep housing, employment and your family because of the stress and humiliation that the Registry creates within yourself, your neighbors, your co-workers and vigilantes looking for justice for a victim they don’t even know.

The Sex Offender Registries are not protecting anyone, they are a means to humiliate, degrade, re-prosecute and destroy the lives of thousands of innocent Citizens.

The Studies below have proven that the current Sex Offender Laws, the Registries and the Residency

The studies below have proven that the current Sex Offender Laws, the Registries and the Residency Restrictions are ineffective and damaging. Our Legislators repeatedly state inaccurate recidivism rates (the rate to reoffend) of "sex offenders" to the public to gain support of voters and to push through flawed legislation. The recidivism rate for "sex offenders" is significantly lower than that of murders, drug dealers and users or armed robbers. An interesting fact since Sex Offender Legislation is based on the assumption that "sex offenders" will recidivate with new sexual offenses. There is also a study conducted by the Attorney General's of numerous states that proves the Internet is not as dangerous as our Attorney General and Legislators have convinced you to believe that it is.

- No Easy Answers: Human Rights Watch Study, September 11, 2007
- The Adam Walsh Act: Scarlet Letter, by Lara Geer Farley, April 17, 2008
- Fact Sheets Examine Impact of Sex Offender Registries: Justice Policy Institute, September 2, 2008
- Collateral Damage: Family Members of Registered Sex Offenders by Jill Levenson, Ph.D. January 2009
- Enhancing Child Safety and Online Technologies: Final Report of the Internet Safety Technical Task Force to the Multi-State Working Group on Social Networking of State Attorneys General of the United States. December 31, 2008
- Residential Proximity to Schools and Daycare Centers: Influence on Sex Offense Recidivism, An empirical analysis by Jill Levenson, Ph.D. December 23, 2008
- New Jersey DOC Study on the Effectiveness of Sex Offender Registration, February 11, 2009
- Registering Harm: How Sex Offender Registries Fail Youth and Communities, Justice Policy Institute, November 21, 2008

A new book written by Dr. Richard Wright titled Sex Offender Laws: Failed Polices, New Directions concludes that the proliferation of "Sex Offender" Legislation over the past 20 years in America that were meant to memorialize an assaulted, murdered or missing child have largely failed. They have NOT, reduced Sex Offender recidivism rates (5.5%), provided safety, healing or support for victims, reflected the scientific research on sexual victimization, offending and risk or provided successful strategies for prevention.

Dr. Wright interviews Patty Wetterling, the mother of an abducted child says twenty years later that there are many issues with current policy and "We have not built into the system any means for success". If Jacob Wetterling's mother can see that current laws and policies are failing why can't our government?

The fear and loathing against Registered Sex Offenders that is currently considered acceptable needs to stop before additional Citizens and communities are harmed.

Our Legislators need to rectify this mess they have created by bucketing ALL sexual related acts into Sex Offender Crimes. The broad brush that the Legislators have been allowed to use across our population will continue to grow until it reaches into your home and labels you and your family.

The Registries need to be returned to their original intent, to list only the most dangerous, untreatable and repeat offenders.

http://www.rsolvirginia.org/our_story.html

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Thank you for opening the eyes of hopefully a few individuals that not all sex offenders are repeat offenders and that the laws and registry are getting out of hand. My husband went to prison for 2 years and has to register for the rest of his life because when he turned 18, the mother of his girlfriend at the time reported him to the police. His girlfriend was almost 16 years old and they had been dating for a year already. When he got out of prison they dated for a couple years and had two children together and now he is married to me and we have a child together. He is a very loving and hardworking husband and father, but because of that one woman he has a horrible time finding a job. Do you know how upsetting it is for a man to not be able to have a decent job to support his family?! My husband is a human and does not deserve to be treated like the Jews were during the Holocaust and neither do many other men, women, and juveniles that are on the registry!!!

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Anonymous (not verified) on Thu, 2009-07-02 16:42

Sex offender registration is a total waste of 12 million virginia tax dollars, But it does work well for virginia's legislators to help hide the crimes they and their family members have committed, by pointing the finger at sex offenders. Just think if the sex offender registration law was really a civil law, and applied to all criminals, how many worthless legislators we could weed out, and how much better our lives would be. Lets tell our legislators we want all criminals registered.

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Anonymous (not verified) on Thu, 2009-07-02 16:50

You might want to send this one back to the fact checker.

You as much as state that Virginia uses the three tier system mandated by the Adam Walsh Act when the simple act of checking with the State Police (or any local police department) would reveal that Virginia does not, in fact do so.

You quote Department of Justice "statistics" which I find highly questionable. Most reliable estimates (and not just the ones given by "some lawyers") give recidivism rates for sex offenders of between 5-10%. Even studies which try to take into account the under-reporting of sex crimes (ALL crimes are under-reported), bring the estimated sex offender recidivism rate up to somewhere around 50%. This puts it at the lower end of the spectrum for most crimes. Drunk driving, for example, has a recidivism rate of around 66%. That's a documented statistic, not an estimate. Drug dealers are often re-arrested for selling while out on bail from a previous offense.

Most reliable estimates show sex offenders as having the second lowest rate of all reported crimes. You are quoting statistics often bandied about in the media and the legislatures. That may make 'em popular, but it doesn't make them accurate.

Try again.

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Sherry (not verified) on Thu, 2009-07-02 21:26

I'm not sure where you get your statistic that sex offenders are four times more likely to re-offend than are other

classes of offenders. It certainly doesn't sound like any Department of Justice statistic that I have ever seen. The documented recidivism rate for many violent crimes is 50-75%. If sex offenders are four times more likely to re-offend that would seem to suggest that sex offenders re-offend at a rate of 200-300%. Is that what you mean to suggest?

You might want to check the web site of the National Center for Sex Offender Management. They have excellent, and well documented statistical evidence that completely contradicts your assertion.

Tim App claims that the sex offender recidivism rate drops to single digits with treatment? The documented sex offender recidivism rate of 5-10% is already in or approaching single digits. This is not to say that treatment is not effective. Dr Fred Berlin of Johns Hopkins has shown remarkable success in treating high risk sex offenders. And yes, some sex offenders do pose a high risk of recidivism. Many others pose a very low risk. The Adam Walsh Act by basing risk classification solely on the crime for which an individual was convicted actually does a very poor job of assessing risk. Several states actually dropped valid risk assessment protocols to go with the AWA. It's all about the money.

And Virginia does not use a three tier system. That would have been a very easy fact to check. They simply made a few changes to the registry already in place. Among them was declaring about 80% of their sex offender population as "violent" by legislative fiat. It might interest you to know that one can be a violent sex offender in the state of Virginia without ever having actually touched a victim.

You have to be very careful about quoting statistics that indicate sex offenders have had "further interaction with the criminal justice system" and allowing the impression to hang in the air that all this "interaction" represents new sex offenses. In reality, most "interaction" is for non-related offenses or technical violations of registration.

You seem to be trying to present this as a "balanced" piece on sex offenders. In reality, it is full of factual errors and comes across mostly as sensationalism with a thin veneer of "reason."

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Anonymous (not verified) on Thu, 2009-07-02 23:20

There are no web sites for: Murderers, Arsonists, Thieves, Drug Dealers or Addicts, Habitual Drunk Driving Offenders. Forcing one group of offenders (and their children and families) to be punished by the entire community is wrong and un-American

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Anonymous (not verified) on Sun, 2009-07-05 10:10

Wow. I'm guessing that you didn't even make a single call to fact check, or google was down the day you wrote this piece of fiction. This paper should be embarrassed by this "article." I won't detail the errors which you state as "fact" because it's been done in the above comments. Overall this piece smacks of the bandwagon and outright lies. Shame on you Dorry Samuels for perpetrating further fraudulent information into a maelstrom of media frenzy and hype.

I hope that your paper sees fit to fact check and print the corrections, along with an apology from you for shocking misrepresentation of this overpublicized subject.

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Anonymous (not verified) on Sun, 2009-07-05 16:22

Are Virginians aware ,that the" ADAM WALSH ACT" violates the United States Constitution under section 1 article 9 and 10 when they made it retro -active . Please read below about what your government passed as a law .

Ex post facto

ex post facto adj. Formulated, enacted, or operating retroactively. [Med Lat., from what is done afterwards]

Source: AHD

In U.S. Constitutional Law, the definition of what is ex post facto is more limited. The first definition of what exactly constitutes an ex post facto law is found in *Calder v Bull* (3 US 386 [1798]), in the opinion of Justice Chase:

1st. Every law that makes an action done before the passing of the law, and which was innocent when done, criminal; and punishes such action. 2d. Every law that aggravates a crime, or makes it greater than it was, when committed. " 3d. Every law that changes the punishment, and inflicts a greater punishment, than the law annexed to the crime, when committed." 4th. Every law that alters the legal rules of evidence, and receives less, or different, testimony, than the law required at the time of the commission of the offense, in order to convict the offender.

So fellow Virginian's and united states citizens , if the government can pass this in retro - active status what is stopping them from making anything they want retro- active to get votes ! Think about it ,the list does no good only harm it punishes the whole family not just the person who committed the crime but innocent children ,innocent spouses and innocent parrents . America was based on freedom and every single one of use is supposed to have that right as for protecting your children that is your job as a parrent ,the police only come after a crime has been committed . Is this america or nazi germany ? What has the world come to , putting teenagers in jail on a sex offender list becuase hey had consensual relations with another teenager .Our do goodiers are out of control when the Consitution can be violated in this manor to make a list and a law . So go ahead pay a soon to be retired state police officer to verify someones resident and work and cause them to loose the job and split up another family and honestly did it stop a crime ,I dont think so not from where im sitting . I would personally feel safer if there was counseling for these people and not humiliation of being degraded and being outcast . This is not the american way . Poloticians play on this for votes ,trying to issue a false security to the public . The list is not the answer ,rehabilitation is .I would rather see my tax money go to something helpfull instead of creating another government agency .Wake up america because your kid could be on this one day or better yet what happens when the government breaks another section of the constitution and makes more crimes and punishments retro -active .

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Anonymous (not verified) on Sun, 2009-07-05 20:51

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offenders. Forcing one group of offenders (and their children and families) to be punished by the entire community is wrong and un-American."

AMEN!!!

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Dorry Samuels get your facts strait before you run off at the keyboard.

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Anonymous (not verified) on Mon, 2009-07-06 10:48

You are COMPLETELY WRONG about the recidivism rate. The Dept. of Justice Study indicates that the re-offense rate for sex offenders is LOWER than for any other convicted felons except murderers. The 3-year re-offense rate is less than 4% that's FOUR PERCENT!!! Reporter, get your facts straight.

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