



SOSEN NEWS

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SOSEN NEWSLETTER RECEIVES A NEW LOOK

The SOSEN staff would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year and we are excited to announce a new look for our newsletter. We hope to be able to spread the word of our growing organization and hope this newsletter will be used to reach the people on the registries that are unable to use the internet to get the support and solutions they need.

We ask that anyone with a computer who would like to help, please print off as many copies of this newsletter and mail them off to as many people as you can, in your area. Instructions for printing and mailing are offered on our website at www.sosen.org/newsletter. ■

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY REDUCED BY 1/3

Supreme court decision opens potential

by Megan Stembol

ALLEN COUNTY, Ind. (WANE) - A landmark case at the Indiana Supreme Court may decrease the number of people in Allen County that have to register as a sex offender by more than a third.

The Indiana Supreme Court overturned a ruling by a Marion County judge in the case of Richard P. Wallace vs. the State of Indiana. It's a decision that could echo across the state.

In 1988, Wallace pleaded guilty to a Class C felony Child Molesting charge. He completed his sentence in 1992, two years before state legislators passed the Sex Offender Registration Act into law. It required probationers and parolees convicted of child molesting on or after June 30, 1994 to register as sex offenders, among other things. The

law was later amended to include all offenders, regardless of conviction date. The Indiana Supreme court ruled making Wallace register as a sex offender is unconstitutional because it violates the state's ban on ex post facto laws.

Deputy Prosecutor Michael McAlexander, the Allen County Prosecutor's office, explained what that means. "[The Indiana] constitution does not allow you to look at an event first and then decide that [it] should be against the law and then retroactively enforce it against people."

For full article, please visit:

http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local_wane_allen_county_sex_offender_registry_reduced_by_hundreds_200911101305_rev1



JUDGE RESTRICTS SEX OFFENDER LAWS

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS—A federal judge issued a permanent injunction Wednesday that bars the state of Nevada from applying two new sex offender laws retroactively.

U.S. District Judge James Mahan said the laws, as applied to 12 sex offenders represented by the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, are unconstitutional.

Mahan declined to rule on whether the new laws, which change the way Nevada classifies sex offenders, may be applied to those convicted of sex offenses in the future.

For full article, please visit:

http://www.montereyherald.com/state/ci_10430271?nclick_check=1

Membership Dues

We request that our members pay membership dues to help offset the rising expenses of running the SOSEN organization. We appreciate support from our members just as our members appreciate the support they receive from SOSEN.

A Supporting Membership is \$25.00 per year. As a Supporting Member, you will receive membership for your family, as well as one of SOSEN's pink triangle pins. Supporting Members will need to provide a mailing address so that we can send your pin.

The General Membership rate is only \$10.00 per year, and is offered for those on a tighter budget.

You may send your dues, either by check or using our PayPal account.

If you mail a check, be assured that only Mary, SOSEN's COO, and our Treasurer will see your true name, and that your name will never be linked to the internet site. If you do pay by check, please include your screen name on the SOSEN forum (if you have one), so that credit can be correctly applied.

SOSEN will never deny membership to anyone for lack of funds. If you can't afford the General Membership dues, just email ceo@sosen.us or call 1-877-594-2228 and say you need a waiver. No further questions will be asked, because we understand how hard it is for registered former sex offenders and their families to make ends meet.

WEEKLY EVENTS

American's Reality check
(ARC) Talk Radio

www.americansrealitycheck.com

Three nights a week!

Monday 6:00 p.m. Eastern
Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Eastern
Friday 6:00 p.m. Eastern

Dial: 724-444-7444

Code: 29521#

all shows available for archive:
<http://www.talkshoe.com/talkshoe/web/talkCast.jsp?masterId=29521&cmd=tc>

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Caged

By MWD

No bars confine me and no guards watch over me, and yet

- I am caged.

Name upon a list, life sentence will persist

- because I am caged.

Like strong bands upon a tree, I am held in place by decree

- because I am caged.

As if I were an animal for the branden, kicked and abandon

- because I am caged.

Held in confines conceived of men, beat again and again

- because I am caged.

Embracing darkness fills my mind, heart cries for freedom all of the time

- because I am caged.

Death like shadow does follow; fear I bring to all

- because I am caged.

No one will ever know of my kindness, the reason is the blindness

- because I am caged.

Men will turn away and never will they say, a good man he will be one day

- because I am caged.

NEARLY 100 REMOVED FROM MAINE SEX OFFENDER LIST

By The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Maine officials say nearly 100 people have been removed from the state's sex offender registry two months after of a new law went into effect changing the registry's rules.

People convicted of sex offenses dating back to 1982 were previously listed on the registry. But after court challenges, the Legislature changed

the law so that people convicted of offenses between 1982 and June 30, 1992, no longer had to be on the list if they didn't have any subsequent felony-level offenses.

For full article, please visit:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/maine/articles/2009/11/29/nearly_100_removed_from_maine_sex_offender_list/

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KY. SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN LAW TARGETING SEX OFFENDERS

By Shawntaye Hopkins - shopkins@herald-leader.com

A state law limiting where registered sex offenders may live cannot apply to those who committed offenses before July 12, 2006, the day the law was implemented, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

The law prohibits sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of playgrounds, day-care centers and schools, and the law changed how the distance is measured.

The court, in a 5-2 decision, said the law is punitive and violates the ex post facto clause, or retroactive law, in the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits states from passing laws that increase punishment for old crimes. The restrictions will still apply to anyone convicted after July 12, 2006.

PREDATORS TO BE ALLOWED OFF SEX REGISTRY

Huntington County Political Buzz Examiner - *Mark Shoffner*

The Indiana State Supreme Court has overturned a law that was set to protect the public. Part of Indiana's sex offender law was placed to be retroactive. It was a state amendment to Zachary's law, and now the highest court in Indiana has declared it unconstitutional.

(<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/21642848/detail.html>)

Zachary's law was enacted by the state in 1994. Zachary's Law was named after ten-year-old Zachary Snider of Cloverdale, Indiana, who was molested and murdered by a neighbor, Christopher Stevens.

Stevens had a previous conviction for Child molestation and served 1 year of a 4 year sentence. Upon release, Stevens moved in with his father.

As of Thursday morning, there were 280 sex offenders in Fayette County, and six were not in compliance, according to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Kathy Witt said some addresses are visited every day. Those who are in compliance are usually not living at the addresses listed for the individuals.

Witt received and skimmed the ruling Thursday morning. "I haven't had time to digest the whole thing," she said, adding that she planned to look it over and decide how to proceed.

For full article, please visit:

http://www.kentucky.com/latest_news/story/959372.html

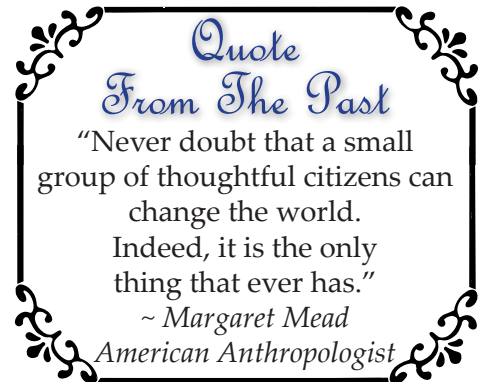
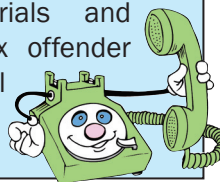
Zachary Snider, age 10, lived in the same neighborhood and was often seen with 20 year old Stevens. Though Zachary's father told Stevens to stay away from Zachary, their friendship continued. After Zachary turned up missing, Stevens confessed to the crime as well as to having sexual relations with Zachary. He also confessed to molesting 25 to 30 other children.

For full article, please visit:

<http://www.examiner.com/x-21521-Huntington-County-Political-Buzz-Examiner~y2009m11d18-Predators-to-be-allowed-off-of-sex-registry>

SOSEN RESOURCE CENTER

Our new toll free number is now available for the public, media and lawmakers to contact us for educational materials and information on sex offender laws and issues. Call **800-773-4319**.



Do You Have Internet?

Here is a list of some sites you may like to visit:



- www.sosen.org
- www.ohiorsol.wordpress.com
- www.oncefallen.com
- www.freebrandon.org
- www.flareformsexoffenderlaws.org
- www.rickyslife.com
- www.cfcamerica.org
- www.sexoffenderresearch.blogspot.com
- www.citizensforsecondchances.com
- Stop Vigilante violence:
www.petitiononline.com/vigi2010/

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