



# SOSEN NEWS

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## SOSEN: A NEW DIRECTION

In writing this announcement to you our members, it is hard not to recall the history of SOSEN. What started as a small group on Yahoo has grown to encompass members from across the U.S. and in foreign countries. Our main focus has always been support and this has limited our effectiveness. For this reason we are happy to announce a new division of SOSEN known as FROG.



FROG is the Family Reunification Outreach Group. FROG is the brainchild of Linda, our CEO. She has been thinking about this addition to SOSEN since no other organization has a program specifically for the purpose of reunifying families after abuse. As many of you know, Linda was successful with her own family reunification and with her tenacity, skills and success she hopes to help other family's reunite.

FROG will soon have its own forum and a mission statement will be forth the coming. It will soon be reaching out to help families in ways that many do not see possible. Since Linda is heading up FROG, she is stepping aside from her

CEO position of SOSEN to set up this new division. The BOD and members of SOSEN would like to thank Linda for her leadership and courage as SOSEN CEO through some very turbulent times. We look forward to see her progress with this new venture.

With the implementation of this new division the BOD has restructured SOSEN with a new CEO and COO!

The BOD nominated and has unanimously voted Mary Duval as the new CEO of SOSEN.

In further restructuring of SOSEN, the BOD nominated and unanimously voted for Midwest Dad – Randy English as SOSEN COO.

Sincerely,  
SOSEN BOD

## Remembering the JTC

*by Randy English*

In what looked like a raid, authorities began cutting up tents and destroying personal property in the process of shutting down Bookville. The sex offender concentration camp of sorts was located under the Julia Tuttle Causeway in Miami, Florida.

The camp of registered former sex offenders made national news and put a black eye on Miami and Florida. Bookville arose amidst a hate and fear based campaign of

hate, led by Miami Dade Homeless Trust Chairman Ron Book, the namesake of the camp.

Book, whose daughter was molested by a nanny who was not a registered sex offender, went on a public campaign to rid south Florida of what he perceived as the greatest threat to the safety of children in his state. What Mr. Book's short sightedness did not foresee was that people, no matter who they are, need to live somewhere. You can't just snap your fingers and make them go away. And so was the beginning of Bookville.

Now, years later and with new understanding of the workings of the probation and parole board, Mr. Book has relaxed his opposition to allowing these people to live in a home, somewhere in south Florida. It is likely that Mr. Book is doing this more to save face than anything else. For whatever reason,



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If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, please do not be alarmed. **We want you to know that you are not alone and we are here to help you, if you need it.**  
We contacted you because you or someone you know is listed on the registries and we will absolutely **NOT** share any of your information with anyone. We have used the most discreet way we can find to contact you. We want you to know that there **is** support for you and your family members.

at the moment the pariahs are being moved to temporary housing that the Miami Homeless Trust is paying for. I say temporary because this is no more than a band-aid for a much bigger problem. The temporary housing is only scheduled for six months. I wonder if this is past election time.

Part of the problem that has not been addressed is that each and every day men and women are being released on probation and parole. With the bridge closed down, where will these registered former sex offenders be sent to live? It will only take a short time and probation and parole will find a new place to drop these unwanted people, much like an inconsiderate, uncaring person would drop an unwanted dog or cat alongside the road. But then again these parole officers have a place to live, it does not concern them all that much. After all these people are the lowest of the low, right!? They are nothing more than animals, so that makes it OK.

It amazes me to think that we treat our animals better than we treat people. In truth, if the government were to start dropping dogs under a bridge and forcing them to live without basic needs there would be a great outcry from the



public. What does this say about our humanity? And the U.S. claims to be a Christian nation, Christ did not teach this kind of hate did he? But then again they are the most hated people of our time.

As Bookville closes and fences go up one chapter in this saga is ending and a new one is beginning. At some point people need to realize that residency restrictions are ineffective in protecting anyone. When they realize that they will begin to notice that the real threat to children are not registered sex offenders but that person living in your own home of that friend of yours who loves to spend time with your children. These are the dangers that we need to be concerned with. Former sex offenders have an extremely low reoffence rate, and yet the greatest amount of law enforcement time and resources is spent monitoring them. What a waste of resources.

## LOUISIANA APPELLATE COURT STRIKES DOWN AWA

Baton Rouge, LA- A appellate court which consists of 3 judges has determined a new law passed in 2009, as part of the AWA compliance, violates Federal and State Constitutional law of Louisiana, which required a man to go from ten years registration to lifetime with a special driver license which reads "sex offender".

In the ruling it was stated, "The opinion issued Friday says Smith fulfilled his duty to register as a sex offender for the period of time that was applicable when he was convicted."

According to the attorney in the case for the defendant, the Attorney General will more than likely file an appeal and the Louisiana Supreme Court will hear this case next. At this time this ruling only applies to the defendant Jimmy L. Smith.

*Quote  
From The Past*

He that would make his own liberty secure, must guard even his enemy from opposition; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach himself.  
~Thomas Paine

### FIVE FACTS TO REMEMBER:

1. 93% of sex offenses are committed by someone not on the registry.
2. 90% of sex offenses are committed by family members or someone they know.
3. Recidivism rate in 3 years (D.O.C) without therapy is 5.3%, with therapy it's 3.5%. Offender treatment works and is very effective.
4. Re-offense rate for auto theft-78.8%, possession/sale of stolen property-77.4%, burglary-74%, robbery-70.2%, larcenist-74.6%, sex offenders- 3.5%.
5. United States has 5% of the world's population but has 25% of the world's people that are being held in jails and prisons.

### BROCHURES AND HANDOUTS

We have created two new brochures available for download in our SOSEN Library.

- 1: Prevention of Sexual Abuse
- 2: What Do You Know About Sex Offenders

## Words To My Child

REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU I came across something I wrote to my child after we were all "outed" on the registry. After all the work my family did, the click of a mouse opened it up again. I can't tell you how many people asked my daughter, "how could your mom stay with him?" I needed to counter 'their' words with mine. Here are my words:

Remember what I told you ... You have the right to say NO to anyone or anything that makes you uncomfortable in any way. Remember that you have the right to be safe in your own home. Remember that you have a beautiful voice and I am so very proud of you for using that voice.

Remember what I told you ... That there are healthy and unhealthy ways of dealing with things that happen to you in life. Sometimes you can not control what happens in your life but you can control how you react to things. That it matters more to act in a healthy way than to any actual event in your life. Whatever happens in your life, OWN it, CONFRONT it, and LEARN from it. Refuse to be a victim.

Remember what I told you ... Knowledge is power. Knowledge and research are powerful tools when confronted

by the "unspeakable." It is through understanding the dynamics of the crime committed against you that true healing can manifest itself.

Remember what I told you ... You did nothing wrong! You are such an amazing spirit. Never let anybody take that away from you. I am so very proud of you.

Remember what I told you ... Be true to yourself. Stand up for yourself and what you believe. Only you have to face yourself in the mirror at the end of the day.

Remember what I told you ... Nothing is black and white. There are shades of gray in human beings as well as events and circumstances in your life. Empathy is a learned skill.

Remember what I told you ... No one or no thing can dictate to you on how YOU need to acknowledge and get through your victimization and recovery.

Remember what I told you ... Being a victim may get you on a talk show but only healing gets you a life. But above all else remember the love and respect that we all share as a family. Nobody can take that away from us.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

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### Do You Have Internet?

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

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[www.oncefallen.com](http://www.oncefallen.com)  
[www.freebrandon.org](http://www.freebrandon.org)  
[www.ohiorsol.wordpress.com](http://www.ohiorsol.wordpress.com)  
[www.flareformsexoffenderlaws.org](http://www.flareformsexoffenderlaws.org)  
[www.rickyslife.com](http://www.rickyslife.com)  
[www.cfcamerica.org](http://www.cfcamerica.org)  
[www.sexoffenderresearch.blogspot.com](http://www.sexoffenderresearch.blogspot.com)  
[www.citizensforsecondchances.com](http://www.citizensforsecondchances.com)

Stop Vigilante violence:  
[www.petitiononline.com/vigi2010/](http://www.petitiononline.com/vigi2010/)



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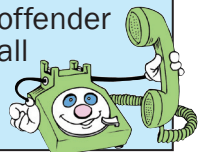
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### SOSEN RESOURCE CENTER

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

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