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SARASOTA – We shall call him Bob for anonymity. Author has first-hand personal knowledge of truthfulness of facts in these photos of the squalor this Central Florida sex-offender lived in for approximately 3 years. The photos here are date stamped 2008. The shack was “restored” to the present condition after it was completely flattened by a Florida storm.

Sex Offender Squalor Central Florida

Dirt floors checkered with rotten plywood in this 3 walled shack is squalor by third world standards. Florida downpours drenched Bob as rain poured

through the tin rood with gaping holes. Since this 3 walled shack is located in a pasture with animals, Bob shares his 3 walled Florida squalor with spiders, snakes and any other insect or critter that chooses to wander through; sometimes poisonous.

Florida downpours may leave several inches of standing water in the pasture where Bob's shack [barely] stands. During those rains Bob quickly rolls up his extension cord he uses to light a lightbulb and a hotplate, from a Barn about 100 yards away; otherwise, get electrocuted.

There was no lumber to put the fourth wall or the

roof on this insect, rodent infested squalor.
the kitchen where Bob cooked. Notice the stack of beans.

This is

This was the only place Bob found to live that would meet residency restrictions in Florida. Florida is also famous for the Tuttle Causeway tent city dubbed "Bookville" after Ron Book, as well has another tent city not far from the Miami Airport where sex offenders are threatened with arrest unless they move within days of the writing of this article.

Bob, as an unemployable college educated paralegal has no transportation that runs, so he couldn't get to any job even if it were offered. The landlord was kind enough to get Bob a small trailer; however, the deck caved in tearing open Bob's leg leaving him permanently disabled.

Our nation has constitutional safeguards protecting "life, property, liberty" and now family, called "stigma-plus". The standard for "stigma-plus" is "more than reputation alone but includes "liberty or property" or now family. Stigma-plus is well defined by Federal [Appellate] courts in Rehberg v. Paulk and a growing list in the last several years from Does v. Snyder in Michigan and Millard v. Rankin in Colorado.

The additional outrage to this Apriori debacle of our legal system is the myth of the "frighteningly high" rate of sex offender recidivism; not supported by fact, nor any benefit to the public is shown in the following research:

Comparisons of who actually commits new sex crimes

According to a recent New York study:

- 95.88% of arrests for all registerable sex crimes are of persons previously non-convicted of a sex offense.
- 95.94% of arrests for rape are of previous non sex-offenders.
- 94.12% of arrests for child molestation are of previous non sex-offenders.

(Sandler, Jeffrey C, et. Al., *Does a Watched Pot Boil? A Time-Series Analysis of New York State's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Law*. Psychology, Public Policy, and Law, 2008 Vol. 14, No. 4, 290)

These results are closely parallel to figures compiled by the US Department of Justice that show that 93% of child sex abuse is committed by a person whom the child knows. In 47% of the cases, the perpetrator is a member of the family. Only 7% of offenses are committed by strangers.

If sex offender recidivism were not exceptionally low, these figures could not be this high. The hugely disproportionate number of sex offenses committed by previously non-convicted persons raises questions about the utility and justice of a registry which subjects over 20,000 Oregonians to crippling restrictions, none of which address the source of the vast majority of sexual abuse.

Recent Reported Rates of Sex Offender Recidivism*

Most of these studies are based on the standard 3 year reporting system. More details are provided on the next page, including exceptions to the 3 year period. These recent rates are noticeably lower than reported rates a decade ago. This difference probably reflects at least two factors:

- crime rates in general have been falling during this period, and sex offender recidivism seems to reflect that trend;
- 2) current studies appear to include a larger and different demographic than a decade or so earlier when both statutes and enforcement procedures were substantially different.

In all cases but two here, the rates are 4% or lower. In more than half, they are 3% or lower. Taken together, these figures seem to underline the reason that the researchers in the last study (Connecticut) wrote:

These low re-offense rates appear to contradict a conventional wisdom that sex offenders have very high sexual re-offense rates. The real challenge for public agencies is to determine the level of risk which **specific** offenders pose the public. [*emphasis added*]

* All rates come from studies explained with references on the following pages.

Studies since 2007

2007	Missouri DOC study of 2,777 offenders released from 1998-2007	1.9% after 3 yrs.; 3.5% after 5 yrs.	These rates were 1.1% and 2.7% for offenders who completed MOSOP, a mandated treatment program.
2007	Alaska Judicial Council report	3% in 3 yrs.	Sex offenders had the lowest rate of reconviction for category of offense
2007	Minnesota DOC study 3,166 offenders released between 1990 and 2002	3% in 3 yrs. in 2002	10% av. rate over 8.4 yrs; in 1990, rate was 17% in 3 yrs. This might suggest that rates are falling substantially in recent decades.

2007	Jared Bauer of West Virginia DOC 325 offenders tracked for 3 years from 2001, 2002 and 2003	1% for sex crime w/ victim	This rate might be inaccurate, since victimless crimes are not included, although there is little evidence to suggest that the other cohort would have a higher rate. 9.5% of sample returned to prison for other reasons.
2008	California SOMB report	3.55% in 3 years	Cites figures from CDCR for prisoners released in 2003
2009	Endrass et al—Swiss study of 431 users of underage porn	.8% w/ hands-on sex offense; 3.9% w/ hands-off sex offense AK – 3.4% IA-3.9% AZ – 2.3% NM—1.8% DE – 3.8% SC – 4.0% IL – 2.4% UT – 9.0%	Study covered 6 years; concluded that child pornography alone is not a risk factor for hands-on offenses.
2009	Orchowski and Iwama study of offenders released in 2001 for US Justice and Research Association		Comparison national 3 yr. rate was 5.3% for offenders released in 1994
2010	Maine study tracked releases for 2004-2006	3.8% in 3 yrs.	
2010	California CDCR report	5% in 3 yrs.	
2012	Connecticut Criminal Justice and Planning Division Study of 746 offenders released in 2005	1.7% returned to prison	Study covered 5 years, not 3. It showed 3.6% arrests; 2.7% convictions.

Links:

2007 Missouri Study

<<http://doc.mo.gov/documents/publications/Offender%20Profile%20FY07.pdf>>

2007 Alaska Study

<<http://www.ajc.state.ak.us/reports/1-07CriminalRecidivism.pdf>>

2007 Minnesota Study

<<http://www.doc.state.mn.us/documents/04-07SexOffenderReport-Recidivism.pdf>>

2007 Jared Bauer West Virginia study

<<http://www.wvdoc.com/wvdoc/Portals/0/documents/recidivism2001-2003.pdf>>

2008 California SOMB study

<<http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cts=1331229638097&sqi=2&ved=0CD0QFjAB&url=http%3A%2F>>

2009 Indiana study

<<http://www.in.gov/idoc/files/IDOCRecidivism.pdf>>

2009 Endrass et al study

<<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-244X/9/43>>

2009 Orchowski and Iwama study

www.jrsa.org/programs/sex-offender-final-report.pdf>

2010 California CDCR report

<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Adult_Research_Branch/Research_Documents/ARB_FY0506_Outcome_Evaluation_Report.pdf>

2010 Maine study

<http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/justiceresearch/Publications/Adult/Sexual_Assault_Trends_and_Sex_Offender_Recidivism_in_Maine_2010.pdf>

2012 Connecticut study

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/recidivismstudy/sex_offender_recidivism_2012_final.pdf

New York offender study

<http://www.rethinking.org.nz/images/newsletter%20PDF/Issue%2078/C%2002%20watchedpot.pdf>

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