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There is a vast amount of research showing that the registry doesn't work. We have actually made matters worse by isolating individuals and giving them no way off of the list.



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That registry is a life sentence for anyone on it. As far as I'm concerned, the 3-strike rule, or some kind of variation, should be applied to it. It's not right to lump all "sex offenders" into one pile of shit and say "Okay, now we're safe!" That's lazy lawmaking and poor government practice. What's even more idiotic is that most states require the sex offender to pay a damned fee to register! Why? I was told it's because they have to pay someone to keep up the list. Bullshit! That's why I pay my taxes.

Now, I'm paying taxes and supporting the cops' donut fund! If they aren't going to create equal life-long lists for other notable crimes, then there should be no sex offender list, period. I think the public should have the right to know if there's a convicted burglar, armed robber, drug dealer, drunk driver, crack head, etc. living near them, too. A lot of those crimes escalate into sex crimes so maybe having public knowledge of their whereabouts would be helpful in preventing future sex crimes. I've been a registered sex offender since 1996. My case dragged on for a year until I ran out of money and my attorney told me that I would have no choice but to accept a plea bargain. When the prosecutor took too long to define the statute of the crime for which I was being charged (this was when a lot of this was still new on the books), the judge became agitated and sentenced me as a "child molester" even though I NEVER touched the child in my case and it wasn't even one of the charges they were considering. I will never forget when the prosecutor commented to my attorney "That was harsh." The child even told authorities that I never touched her and they had no proof and no confession of that from me. I never served a day in jail, I was given 5 years probation. If I had done something as heinous as molesting a child, I don't imagine probation would have been in the cards for me. I have been waiting for the chance to go back and get that overturned, or declared a mistrial or something, but there's not an attorney around who has the guts to help a sex offender, especially without being paid an arm and a leg. And the really shitty thing about this is that the first judge I went in front of was eventually removed from his bench for sexual misconduct! And the Chief of Police, who was the detective on the case, was eventually fired for stealing money from the city. Yeah, no shit! How do you like that? Two closet criminals publicly passing judgment on another. I have been totally compliant since day one. But as a result of this fucked up sex offender registry: - I've had so many jobs over the last 21 years that I honestly lost count after 30-something. - At one point, I was stalked by a woman who did everything she could to find out where I worked and expose me to my employers (even though she wasn't even involved in the case and my conviction had nothing to do with the job I was performing). - I have been denied housing even when I had a family to support. - I even tried going the route of honesty in my job interviews by disclosing upfront about my record, only to have my honesty rewarded with no job even though I'd be doing work that is far removed from the nature of my conviction... such as driving a garbage truck! - I was denied the opportunity of being an active father during my son's school years, baseball games, and even his high school graduation even though I would have been sitting right in plain sight of all other parents for every event. - My son was persecuted in school because of his father being on the list. That list turned a 10 year old boy into target for bullies. - Because of my difficulty to keep a job, his mother decided she wanted better and we divorced in 2010. - My son hasn't spoken to me or communicated with me since 2012. I know it's because he wants to distance himself from me and that damned list. - I had such a hard time finding work right after the divorce because of that damned list that I had to move 700 miles out of state to find work, which put an even bigger strain on my relationship with my son. - I have had to live on the edge of insanity, sometimes, out of fear that I could lose my job or my home because someone decides to type my name into Google and start a bunch of shit. - After my divorce, I

was unable to find a place to live. I eventually was forced to live in my car for while and bathe in public restrooms with wet wipes. But, I'm proud to say that got through that time in my life without ever breaking the law and without any alcohol or drugs to get me by. You know what the scariest part of all of that is? Having a sex offender living in a car because nobody wants to give him an address that he can register with the police so they know where he is. Instead, he might be roaming from parking lot to parking lot each night. That should scare the hell out of anyone... not that I was a threat to anyone nor was I doing anything illegal, my car was always parked in the same place. But still, you would think that the public would want a sex offender kept in one spot so he or she can be watched... and I'm not talking jail, either. Everyone, even a criminal, deserves a second chance and the right to earn a living and turn his or her life around. They shouldn't be reduced to roaming the city trying to find a dark place to bed down. That's when a real monster could be up to no good and retaliating against a society that has shunned him to the breaking point. Now, back around 2005, I honestly got to the point of desperation and started stealing computers to resell them just to provide for my family. It was all because of that damned list! I had just lost a great paying job AS A FRIGGIN WAITER!!! Yeah, that's right. I was making between \$600 and \$800 a week waiting tables for the same restaurant for almost 4 years. I even received a commendation for saving a customer's life using the Heimlich. I was considered a model employee. But one day, I show up to work and get called into the boss's office where they tell me I'm being let go because of my record. We had a gay waiter who constantly made sexual remarks to other male employees, but he got to keep his fucking job! I get fired! Apparently, a customer who had eaten in the restaurant a week before told their waiter that I was on that fucking list. So what?! Who gives a shit?! Anyway, the restaurant didn't want to be associated with me. So, after losing yet another job, and with a family to feed, I was compelled to break the law, again. I was given probation and took my punishment like a man and haven't done anything that stupid since. I haven't, however, let this stop me from pursuing the goals and dreams that I've had since childhood. I'm a filmmaker, artist, game designer and, most recently, a published author of horror fiction. However, that fucking list has, once again, allowed someone to directly affect my income. Last year, some random asshole left an Amazon review for one of my books calling for people not to support me, calling me a "monster" and a "child molester". This person doesn't know me at all. He doesn't even live in the same state as me. He also contacted the organizers of the comic and book conventions that I had been selling my books at for over a year and told them about me, he even plastered it all over their Facebook pages with a link to my page on the registry. I was banned from those shows and it practically ruined my book sales. Now, not all of that book money goes into my pocket, I also give a portion to a children's charity. I don't care what the fuck anyone has ever done, but everyone deserves a chance to make an honest living and this fucking list makes it impossible for those of us who have made a mistake and are trying to move on. Now, if that isn't enough to cause someone to want to go on a rampage and hunt down this son of a bitch, I don't know what is. Homicide could be yet another byproduct of this fucking list if something isn't done. Enough is enough. In 1995, I was guilty of doing something completely fucking stupid, and I accept that.

However, I never molested a child and I didn't deserve the punishment that was handed to me. The fact that I haven't re-offended has absolutely NOTHING to do with being on that stupid list. It has everything to do with wanting to be productive, move my life in a positive direction, and put myself in a position to give back. But assholes like that book convention guy make it impossible to do because of that list. The registry is total bullshit. It's a tool that the lawmakers have used to scare the public. They use the bullshit battle cry "we have to keep our children safe". Really? From whom? If a child molester or a rapist wants to do it again, being on a fucking list isn't going to stop them! And knowing where they live doesn't make you safe, either. If I did something wrong, I've done my time for it. Give me the opportunity to prove I can be better and let me give back the best way I know I can. Sorry this was so long, but I've been waiting for years for a chance to get it off my chest.



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