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Please advise.

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Subject: Concerned Family Member

I have a brother that was charged a long time ago of taking pictures of his Stepdaughter. (Of course I am not condoning this behavior). But as it turns out he was convicted as a sex offender. As a sex offender out of and in jail/prison life is excruciating. Having the record no one will hire him, no one wants to rent to him or family members that have children or grandchildren, even if they feel safe with him are afraid to have him involved in their lives for fear of DSS.

In this case of my brother another family member after about maybe 7-10 years said that the reason he was looking at dirty magazines with his younger cousins was because something my brother supposedly did to him when he was young. He had heard his mom and other family members talk about this all his life. So as I see it my brother became the escape goat. Then my brother was arrested for this allegation and he spent 2 years in Jail in Gaffney, SC, waiting for someone to bring him to trial. Well the public defender told him the only way he could get out of jail was basically take a plea bargain that basically said he was guilty. He did and the horrors started all over again.

He is charged with another felony sex offense and then probation knew he had been in jail for 2 years, but they demand he go to a counselor for classes and report to probation. All this there is a fee for, as well as he has no car or transportation and he ask to report in Spartanburg County thinking that he would have bus access to probation and any classes. Well the probation officer demands he go to Greer for counseling. So someone else me has to try and help and go from Blacksburg, SC to Spartanburg, SC to Greer to take him to classes. Then if he doesn't pay he goes back to jail. So I have to help pay the fees. All because a public defender has him plead guilty and a probation officer and the system has no way to help a person in this shape. That is why the jails are overflowing and no one seems to rehabilitate. They get no kind of support, just if you don't you go back to jail or prison. They don't help him get a job even.

My question to you is when the system makes it so hard how does a person survive. Personally I think he deserves to have his record expunged so he can have some kind of normal for the rest of his life, he is 55 and has nothing or no way to even survive. Lives in a Homeless shelter in Spartanburg and does all the laundry and keeps himself free from issues. But that doesn't help him at all with probation or Class fees or a way to get there.

His name is:
William Kyle Therrell

He was physically abused as a child and it carried over into his teenage and adult life. He was and is a victim himself.

Please if there is anything you can do for him please!!!!!!

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