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Changes in Model Penal Code accepted by ALI Council

By Sandy from NARSOL

The Council of the American Law Institute approved the recommendations for changes to its Model Penal Code as pertains to the management of sexual crimes and the sex offender registry. The recommendations which were approved were modified from the committee's final draft due to pressure from various entities.

The recommendations have been years in the making, and when the final draft was completed and released in late 2021, it created and polarized three distinct groups.

Many advocate and anti-registry groups, [including NARSOL](#), as well as many individual advocates, supported the proposals as important steps toward the ultimate goal of abolishment of the registry.

[The U.S. Dept. of Justice](#) and a [majority of our states' attorneys general](#) opposed the changes and wanted the MPC to remain the same, claiming that weakening the laws would put the nation's children at risk.

Other anti-registry groups also opposed the recommendations on the grounds that they did not go far enough in abolishing the registry altogether.

ALI's original recommendations centered around four areas: limiting registerable offenses to the more dangerous ones, providing registry access to law enforcement only, modifying registration terms and abolishing lifetime registration and registration of minors, and abolishing blanket restrictions that curtail all registrants' rights and freedoms.

The protests of those who oppose the changes altogether focused primarily on the first area, and it is there that changes were made. ALI originally proposed only five offenses be eligible for registration, and they modified it to include eleven. The issues as they were approved are given here and used with permission from [the ACSOL website](#):

The offenses include (1) sexual assault by aggravated physical force or restraint, (2) sexual assault by physical force, (3) sexual assault of an incapacitated person, (4) sexual assault of a vulnerable person, (5) aggravated offensive sexual contact, (6) sexual assault of some minors, (7) incestuous sexual assault of a minor, (8) exploitative sexual assault of a minor, (9) fondling some minors, (10) aggravated offensive sexual contact with a minor under 18 and actor is more than 5 years older and (11) sex trafficking.

Individuals convicted of a registerable offense would be required to register a maximum of 15 years which could be reduced to 10 years for some individuals. In order to qualify for the 10-year registration period, an individual must not re-offend as well as comply with parole, probation or supervised release conditions.

The ALI Council approved the elimination of public registries and would limit most disclosures of information on the registry to law enforcement. Registry information could be available upon application to adult victims and parents of minor victims, as well as qualified public and private organizations that work with minors, the elderly, the disabled and other vulnerable populations.

Included in the MPC approved by the ALI Council are prohibitions in most cases regarding residency restrictions, access to schools and access to the internet. These prohibitions can only be waived after an evidentiary showing that there are special circumstances in that case and only for a limited period of time.

Due to the changes from the committee's original draft, it will go back to the membership at the meeting in May for their approval of the changes.

NARSOL still supports the recommendations. They are stepping stones toward the end goal. The next step will be for state legislatures to adopt them.



Maker of the Universe

By Don RI

The words are so familiar: “He died for us,” and yet there is much more to this statement than what you might think. It is clear from the record of the gospel that Jesus gave his life willingly, and knew in advance that he was called to do that. He substituted his life for ours. Yet it is easy to ignore the many ironies involved in his death on the cross. I will lean upon the poem “Maker of the Universe,” by F. W. Pitt, and put to music by Phil Keaggy, for many of the ideas found here.

Jesus made the universe (John 1), yet the Creator of all things is made into a curse at the crucifixion, because we are all cursed by our sin. He takes our place, He takes the curse deserved by us, a curse that demands death. The law, made by God, requires the payment of death, as it says in Genesis. And Jesus pays that debt for us by becoming our substitute. The Maker of the universe is held accountable for our sin, because it fulfills the law he

made. He does this because of the love he has for us. Think about it!

His fingers made the plant that grew the thorns that are now on his head, a sarcastic crown. The nails that go through his hands were mined in locations that he designed. He made the materials what became the nails, the nails now pierce him. He grew the thorns that pierce his head. Think about it!

He made the forest from which the timber for the cross was made. He made those trees, but now he hangs from a tree; he dies on the cross that he helped make, and on a hill that he also made. Think about it!

The sun is darkened at the time of the crucifixion. That sun was made when Jesus created the world. But now the sun is hidden at the decree of the Son of God. Think about it!

The soldier pierces his body, but the spear was formed from materials made by Jesus, in fire that Jesus al-

so created. That spear brings blood from him that cleanses us from sin. And the grave in which he is laid was made from rocks his own hands had formed. He made his own grave, long before he used it. Think of it!

And now see the throne where he sits, which was always his throne—from eternity past to eternity future. But now there is a new glory to that throne, and upon the face of Jesus. Why? Because every one of us will bow and every one of us will confess that he is Lord of the universe. Our Lord, the Maker of the universe! Think about it!

The Maker of the universe! The Maker of the universe! The Maker of the universe! He is our Maker that is sacrificed for us, and every aspect of that sacrifice points to his divinity and his creation! He loves us, he died for us, our Maker, and the Maker of the universe!





FL: HOMELESS SEX OFFENDERS ARRESTED IN DECEMBER RELEASED, ILLUSTRATES SYSTEMIC ISSUE, ATTORNEY SAYS From Florida Today

Seven Brevard sex offenders arrested in December after their homeless camp was shutdown, were released from jail in January and February and their charges dismissed, court records show.

They've all returned to the community but have lost their jobs and belongings. They are being housed in a Brevard hotel, according to the Florida sex offender registry.

The men previously lived in a homeless camp set up on vacant, private land at 4820 U.S. 192 near Melbourne. Their GPS monitors and ankle bracelets were registered to the camp, requiring them to return there by a set curfew.

Residents of a homeless camp off of 192 near Melbourne are facing a tough problem. They are being evicted from the property but the camp is their official address and can't leave the property or they will be violating their probation. Many wear ankle bracelets or have GPS monitors.

When the homeless camp was shut down in December, six offenders were arrested on charges of violating probation. One man faced a charge of violating parole. They could no longer return to their registered address without risking receiving a trespassing charge.

Five men's charges were dismissed in January, and one was dismissed Feb. 1, according to Jessica Travis, an attorney with DefendBrevard.com.

The man charged with parole violation was transferred from the county jail to state prison on Jan. 27, then released Feb. 24, Travis said.

The day before his release, the Florida Commission on Offender Review found him not guilty of violating the conditions given by his Conditional Release Officer or the Commission, according to Angela Meredith, communication director with the Florida Commission on Offender Review.

What happens to sex offenders who have served their time? Homeless offenders in Brevard County struggle to find resources and shelter

Camp gets shut down: 'Literally nowhere else they can go': Homeless camp shutdown leaves people with few options

With all charges dismissed and the men out of police custody, their arrests and time in custody illustrate a systemic problem with how sex offenders are handled within the state, Travis said.

Attorney Jessica J. Travis with DefendBrevard.com was out at a homeless camp early Wednesday Dec. 8, 2021, to

help the people living in the camp who face being arrested if they leave. Residents of the homeless camp off of U.S. 192 near Melbourne are facing a tough problem. They are being evicted from the property but the camp is their official address, and they can't leave the property or they will be violating their probation or parole. Many wear ankle bracelets or have GPS monitors.

She noted all were complying with all regulations prior to their arrests and had "paid their debt to society."

She estimated the men's time in custody cost Brevard taxpayers approximately \$14,800 based on a cost of "conservatively" \$40 a day in jail, prosecution and defense fees.

"(That) \$14,800 would go a long way at a homeless shelter," Travis said.

Brevard's resources for homeless people are limited, especially for those on the sex offender registry. CITA is one of the only men's shelters on the Space Coast, but sex offenders have been banned from staying at the shelter, as it is located near a playground.

Buddy Morrow, executive director of CITA, said he typically refers sex offenders to two programs outside of Brevard County.



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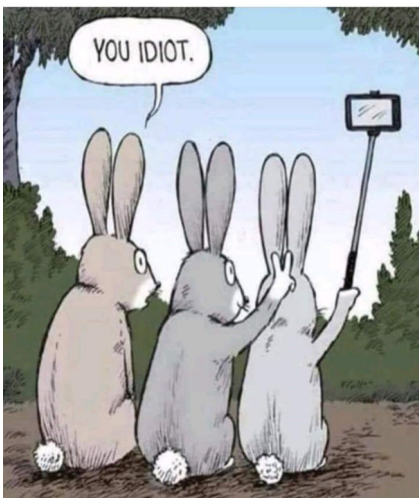
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Hebrew 13:3 - Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

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The Treasure Chest Life After Prison



It is always my intention to encourage and uplift the brothers and sisters inside the fences.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for good and not evil, to give you a future and a hope. When you call upon me and come to pray, I will hear you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart. I will be found by you, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations in the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to a place from which I sent you into exile. (Jeremiah 29:11-13). Please do not misunderstand, God doesn't put us in prison. We do that to ourselves. However, he uses our current situation to cultivate the soil of our heart, the thoughts of our minds, and helps us to change our behavior. Remember whatsoever a man sows, he shall also reap. He/she shall reap more than they sew, for longer than they want, at a higher price than they paid. Sin has consequences. Scripture tells us. Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and the those that exist have been instituted by God (Romans 13:1). Prior to prison. I was a man undone by drugs and alcohol in the cares of the world. I carried my Bible to church on Sunday but didn't live it out during the week. I never really took the time to read scriptures and absorb them in a manner that they would be profitable to me and my family. Until, I was taken out of the world and placed in, **timeout**. Then and only then was I in a position to slow down and be quiet enough to hear God's eternal word resonate in my spirit. Soon, after incarcerated, I began to immerse myself in the words of Scripture. Where I found the most amazing promises and principles in which to live my life. I never knew they were there because I was so busy with the cares of the world and my addiction. Looking back, I don't regret my time in the department of corrections because, I was in serious need of correction,

mentally, spiritually, and physically. I used my time in the DOC, not as a punishment, but, more like a monastery. Where I spent thousands of hours in God's word, Bible studies, self-help programs, eating right and exercising. I went in and eighth grade dropouts and came out with the college degree. Filled with His word and by His spirit I found forgiveness, healing, grace, and mercy. I begin to see myself through the eyes of God and the promises of Scripture. Which helped me to begin to develop a plan and shape my future for success. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). I am the head and not the tail, above, and not beneath, says the Lord (Deut. 28:13). There is life after prison, no matter what the DOC labels you. That is not who you are. We are who God says we are! The challenge is believing what God says about us. Out of the mouth come blessings and cursing's. So let your mouth speak blessings over yourself and your situation. Begin to develop a plan for success upon your release. God spoke everything into existence by the word of his mouth and we are in his image and his likeness, then that's a good example for us to follow. Perfect love casts out all fear. God is perfect love. Fear is from the enemy of God. Like a lion roaring about seeking whom he may devour. Remember, Romans.8 says, "in all **things** we are more than conquerors through him that loves us. I could tell you about the tremendous successes I've had in since my eight years of release, but it really began during my wilderness experience in the DOC. Where I was changed from the inside out. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ behold, the old is gone and the new is here (2 Corinthians 5:17). Some of the smartest people I have ever met were behind the prison fences. They were simply using their energy in the wrong way. I wholeheartedly believe in those of you who embrace your time of corrections and change. For I know that the Lord can remove a heart of stone and replace it with the heart of flesh that beats for him. The best advice I can give you immerse yourself in the holy Scriptures. Until you believe what God says about. Remember, winners never quit and quitters never win. LAM



The Circle of Concern is a group of concerned registered citizens, family and friends that meet together on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on **April 17, 2022** at 3 pm—5 p.m. MST. We will meet on Zoom. We encourage and try to help each other. It is a safe place to share our strengths and struggles. We hope you will join us. If you are planning to attend call Don at (505) 315-7940. He will send you the link to join by computer or phone. You can contact him at the number above or email him at

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