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What's behind the recent uptick in local child predator arrests?

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (CBS12) — This week, we have seen an alarming number of child predators arrested.

Is that because there are more cases out there, or is law enforcement getting better at catching these criminals?

Indian River County Sheriff Eric Flowers credits that success largely to social media sites and app developers, that are helping to weed out bad actors.

“A lot of these platforms have really complied, not just with our requests for subpoenas, but really been somewhat voluntary with us,” he told CBS12 News. “These companies have worked with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to provide information tips are leading us directly to the perpetrators.”

Callahan Walsh at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) says those tips are vital to cracking cases, and he says reporting is happening more than ever.

“I think what’s behind increase in the busts is great reporting and great action taken by law enforcement...the reporting systems are better, social media platforms are making it easier for people to report,” Walsh opined. “Last year, we received over 36 million reports to our CyberTipline, and we’ve already seen numbers surpass that this year.”

In St. Lucie County, deputies arrested a man this week for possessing child porn.

An employee at T-Mobile tipped off the sheriff's office, after he saw the disturbing images on the suspect's phone.

Sheriff Keith Pearson says observant communities are crucial to catching these criminals.

“See something, say something,” he said. “(it) helps us to be able to identify these sick people, and get them out of our community.”

Its not only people speaking up that's making a difference, but also teaching children about online safety.

“We believe prevention is working, kids are becoming more savvy would-be predators (are) trying to prey on children, and kids saying ‘no,’ Walsh explained. “This is why online safety has to be a conversation that we’re all having with your kids.”



Sex offenders suing New Mexico sheriffs, DPS

ALBUQUERQUE, NM (KRQE) – More than a half dozen sex offenders who committed their crimes in other states say they’re being treated unfairly in New Mexico.

Now, eight out-of-state sex offenders now living in New Mexico, calling themselves John Does, are suing the Department of Public Safety and various sheriffs to get their fair shot at a hearing.

“When someone moves to New Mexico, they’re kind of automatically by default required to register,” Liberty and Justice Coalition Attorney Barrett G. Porter said.

Porter said many convicted sex offenders who move to New Mexico aren’t getting the state-required case review to determine if they should even have to register as a sex offender.

“We’re not actually looking for a break,” Liberty and Justice Coalition Attorney Ashley Reymore-Cloud stated. “What we’re looking for is that they’re awarded their constitutional due rights

and due process that every single person is entitled to regardless of what they did.”

The lawsuit states that registering as a sex offender in New Mexico entails “significant burdens.”

“[They are required to] report to the sheriff every 90 days; tell your employer that you’re a registered sex offender; provide all of your information about your vehicle; and be published on the internet, all when, in fact, you may not even need to register in this state,” Porter said.

In one example, the lawsuit said one of the John Does was convicted of sexual assault and only had a 10-year registration period in Colorado but has to register for life in New Mexico.

Porter said the lawsuit is not about challenging the sex offender registration rules but getting their day in court.

“A court should do this analysis. You look at the plea documents, you look at the judgment and maybe even have to

reach back to the police reports to find out, you know, what are the elements of this offense that equate to a sex offense in New Mexico?” Porter explained.

Porter referred to the DPS website, which states there are still about 1,000 sex offenders waiting for their out-of-state cases to be reviewed.

In response to the lawsuit, DPS said it’s processed 323 out-of-state cases since February.

Five New Mexico sheriffs are named in the lawsuit because they maintain the sex offender registries for the counties where the John Does live.

The Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office would not comment on the pending litigation but said it is committed to keeping families and businesses safe.

NARSOL’s new case fights for parolees’ rights to bring civil rights challenges over parole conditions

By Mark

. [NARSOL](#) announces the [filing of its opening appellate brief](#) in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in the case *NARSOL et. al. v. Latoya Hughes*, No. 24-2103. NARSOL is the lead plaintiff in the case. The case involves a challenge to the constitutionality of a parole restriction imposed on individuals on mandatory supervised release in Illinois for a sexual offense. In particular, plaintiffs sued the Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections seeking injunctive relief from the prohibition on individuals using erectile dysfunction medication while on mandatory supervised release. Plaintiffs contend that the condition interferes with rights protected by the Fourteenth Amendment’s substantive due process component and the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.

At its core, however, the case is not

about the particular condition being challenged. It is about the ability of individuals on parole as a general matter to challenge the constitutionality of their parole conditions through the civil rights law (I.e., § 1983) as opposed to being forced to challenge these conditions through a habeas corpus petition. As things currently stand, individuals may only challenge the constitutionality of their parole conditions via a habeas petition, which has the real-world effect of foreclosing individuals’ ability to challenge the constitutionality of their parole conditions *at all* given the burdensome requirements associated with bringing a habeas challenge and given that attorneys’ fees are not recoverable in such an action. This means that the cases, when they are brought at all, are brought pro se (on one’s own behalf, i.e., self-representation).

The lawsuit is important primarily

because parole conditions have over time become increasingly intrusive and harsh. Many conditions now are categorically imposed by statute, without any individualized consideration, and intrude upon an individual’s most basic constitutional rights. They include wholesale internet restrictions, inhumane no-child-contact restrictions, and burdensome GPS requirements. Absent the ability of individuals to effectively challenge such restrictions via § 1983, individuals are forced to endure constitutionally suspect conditions for years while on criminal supervision.

Plaintiffs’ attorneys are Mark Weinberg and Adele Nicholas in Chicago, Illinois.



The Shield of Faith

By Sandy Zalecki



In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Ephesians 6:15

So far, we have talked about the belt of truth, which is foundational, the breastplate of righteousness, which protects our heart, and the shoes of peace which allow us to stand firm against the enemy. All those pieces of armor we are to wear continuously. However, the other three pieces of armor are to be taken up as needed. The first of these pieces of armor is the shield of faith.

The shield for a Roman soldier was something, usually made of leather, that covered all of them. They could hide behind it if needed to cover themselves from the enemy. They would even dip it in water so that when the fiery darts came at them, they would be extinguished by the wet shield. Sometimes a whole army would put their shields together so they would all be protected.

What exactly is faith? In Hebrews 11:1, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen.” In other words, if you can see it, it’s not really faith. It must be about the unseen realm. When do you need to take up faith? You need to take it up when the evil day comes. Some of us have more evil days than others. Most of us need the shield every single day of our lives.

Faith is acting on the truth. If you have no truth, you have no faith. You must know the truth and that is what God has to say about a matter. Faith is tethered to the truth and isn’t based on feelings. Our circumstances dictate how we feel but have nothing to do with our faith.

Faith does not make God move. You don’t need more faith; you need more truth. The truth is you are withdrawing grace, the grace that was given to you the day you were saved. Everything has already been given to you, your problem is we have issues with withdrawing it.

In Romans 5: 1-2 it says, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Grace puts on deposit all of God’s goodness on your behalf, work accesses faith, and faith accesses grace. In Romans 1:17 it says we are to “walk by faith.”

Faith cannot be accessed by your five senses. Faith is grabbing something from the unseen world and bringing it to the seen realm. Faith accesses God at a whole new level. Faith is not a feeling, or a discussion, faith is an action taken based on the authorization of someone who knows what he’s talking about. Faith can put out the fire God’s way, not your way. If we will take faith seriously – as God defines—we will experience victory as we’ve never had it before.



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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.

Remember if you change your address you need to let us know if you want to continue to receive this newsletter



News from Don & Alice

We hope all of you are doing well during these blessed seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Now for answering all the calls and letters asking me of the name of the book I wrote about in the last newsletter. Sorry I just forgot to put in. The name of the book is **MOVING FORWARD**. A Resource Guide. By Ian Jaso J.D. You can get the book on Amazon for \$24.95.

We had over a foot of snow a week ago. It is almost all gone. Our neighbor, Stanley has a snow tractor and dug us out. Please keep Stanley in your prayers. Today we are enjoying a nice sunny day.

We are having a Christmas gathering this year at the Golden Corral on San Mateo. It will be Saturday the 21 of December. Come and join us for a time of fellowship and worship. Titus House will be picking up the bill to eat. There will be a donation box for those who can help. Let us know if you are coming. Call Don at 505-315-7940.

We need testimonies for our newsletter. If you have a one page testimony that you would like to submit for consideration, please do so.

Don is a Grandpa for the first time and another is on the way. Please keep his son and wife in prayer along with the babies. Alice would like prayers for her family too. Pray for all those with medical problems. Pray for our morning devotional and all the people on it. If you have a particular request let us know.



Circle of Concern has gone **ZOOM**

Circle of Concern is aimed at breaking down isolation and fear by providing a safe place for registrants and their loved ones to get together, build community, and learn ways to step out and take charge of their lives and overcome the stigma they face. 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 **December 15, 2024** at 3 pm—4 p.m. MST (Mountain Standard Time). 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 donmagicjohnston@gmail.com