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ONE DAD'S FIGHT TO SEE HIS OWN SICK SON

by Derek Logue, Once Fallen

Stuart Yates recently won a court battle against the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Suffering in pain and severely ill, Kahlil Yates, 9, wants nothing more than to be comforted. "He can't understand why I can't be there all the time," said Stuart Yates. But Stuart was forced to leave his sick son's bedside on March 6 after he was kicked out of Children's Hospital -- told he had to leave because he was an RSO. "I've been a full-time dad and husband for the last 20 years. I paid my debt to society and my son shouldn't have to pay for it. It's been a very emotional time," Stuart Yates told Fox 6 in Milwaukee.

The judge had granted a temporary visitation order to allow Stuart to see his son. Yates' attorney, Mark Weinberg, said he's allowed to have two hours of supervised visits three days a week. He is to provide the hospital with 24 hours advanced notice and a



"guardian ad litem" will be appointed. "The judge is putting a lot of faith in the guardian ad litem to make the determination about A) the best interest of the child and B) either increasing or decreasing the length of these visits," said Weinberg. For Stuart Yates, who hasn't been able to see his child in nearly a month -- these stipulations are a good start. "We have to look at things in a positive light, try to stay

positive, in the moment -- and really try to get what's best for Kahlil," said Stuart Yates.

The boy has been in and out of the hospital his entire life. "Born one pound and a few ounces -- gastroschisis -- needed a stomach, a liver and pancreas," said Stuart Yates. With more surgeries and medical care in his fu-

ture, this temporary order is vital.

On April 17, Stuart Yates was granted a permanent order from Judge William Pocan. The order carries restrictions, however. Stuart Yates, 49, must give two-hour advance notice for his visits and he can only stay for six hours each time. Yates must also be with his son at all times.

Sadly, even when loved ones are sick or dying and in the hospital, registered persons are forced to jump through many hoops just to visit their loved ones.



F.Y.I.

TREATMENT ORGS

Stop It Now, 351 Pleasant St., Suite B-319, Northampton MA 01060

Sexaholics Anonymous (SAICO): PO Box 3565, Brentwood TN 37024

Safer Society Foundation & Press, PO Box 340, Brandon VT 05733-0340

SOs Restored Through Treatment (CURE-SORT):

PO Box 1022, Norman OK 73070; info@cure-sort.org

INFO ORGS

National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (NARSOL): PO BOX 36123 ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87176; newsletter1940-digest@yahoo.com

CautionCLICK Campaign for Reform, PO Box 1548,

Waynesville NC 28786; info@cautionclick.com
Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM), 1100 H Street NW, Ste 1000, Washington DC 20005, famm@famm.org

Prison Legal News, P.O. Box 1151, 1013 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth, FL 33460, in-

fo@prisonlegalnews.org
Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws, ACLU Building, 1313 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017

Cure National, Inc., PO Box 2310, Washington DC 20013-2310, cure@curenational.org



THM Board meeting

At our last Titus House Ministries (THM) board meeting on May 12, 2018. Among the many things discussed, we wanted to let everyone know who receive our newsletter which is about 400 people who receive a stamped envelopes and 250 people email, that we consider YOU as a member of THM.

Donations (such as of stamps) are always appreciated.

An inmate named Eric wanted me to let you know of this CD-050400 policy which says;

Staff may make recommendations to parole authorities for the movement forward of parole dates in hardship or exceptional cases, unless prohibited by law. Inmates who are geriatric or who are permanently incapacitated or terminally ill, may seek parole consideration by written application to the New Mexico Parole Board (Parole Board). On a yearly basis, inmates over the age of 65 will be provided with a copy of this policy and applicable attachments by their Classification Officer. Inmates arriving at a Long Term Care or Geriatric Unit will be provided with a copy of this policy and applicable attachments during orientation. Inmates will be asked to sign the Geriatric/Incapacitated/Terminally Ill Parole Policy/Procedure Acknowledgement Attachment (CD-050401.C).

There Are Too Many Kids on the Sex Offender Registry

By Lenore Skenazy from May 2018

Both the boys admit they did it. Horsing around, two New Jersey 14-year-olds pulled down their pants and sat on the faces of two 12-year-old boys. As one of them later explained, "I thought it was funny and I was trying to get my friends to laugh."

For that act, he and his buddy are on the sex offender registry for life. This was, after all, "sexual contact done for sexual gratification or to degrade or humiliate the victim." The boys lost an appeal in 2011, with a three-judge panel writing that "although we are not unsympathetic to the arguments criticizing the application of the lifelong registration requirements...we are bound to uphold such application because that outcome is mandated by the Legislature."

This is what our sex offender laws have done: Today, your child is more likely to end up *on* the registry than to be molested *by* someone on it.

The rationale for the list is one we can all appreciate: preventing sexual assault. The reality, however, is that this supposed crime-fighting tool is not doing the job.

"Only a tiny fraction of sex crimes against children are committed by people who are on the registry," says George Mason University sociologist Roger Lancaster, author of 2011's *Sex Panic and the Punitive State*. At this point, 40–50 studies have come to the same conclusion, he says: About 5 percent of people on the list go on to commit another crime, a far lower recidivism rate than almost any other class of criminals, including drug dealers, arsonists, and muggers.

"Available research indicates that sex

IDAHO SOR - OFFENDER PROFILE

Name: [REDACTED]		Birth Date: OCT 26, 1991		Birth Place: MT	
Race: WHITE		Sex: MALE		Height: 5 FEET 08 INCHES	
Weight: 145 LBS		Eye Color: BLUE		Hair Color: RED OR AUBURN	
Home Address					
ID: [REDACTED] CITY					
Offense	Description	Date	Place of Conviction		
18-1508	LEWD COND W/MINOR CHLD U/16	APRIL 05, 2006	JEFFERSON CO ID		



offenders, and particularly people who commit sex offenses as children, are among the least likely to reoffend," Human Rights Watch has found.

"Essentially, you've got this huge registry that's sitting there without having the desired effect," Lancaster says. But it's not just ineffective at protecting kids—it's filled with children itself.

What is the most common age at which people land on the registry? Most folks I put the question to think it's about 39. But according to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, "The single age with the greatest number of offenders from the perspective of law enforcement was age 14."

The reason is obvious when you think about it: Young people have sex with other young people. This is often illegal.

Sexual contact is not even required in a lot of cases. In state after state, the age of consent is 16 or 17—but sexting before the age of 18 is often a crime and sometimes even a felony.

Kids can end up branded for life simply for playing doctor. My Dallas friend Josh Gravens was placed on the registry at 12 after he was found to have inappropriately touched his sister. He spent three and a half years in a Texas juvenile detention center, where his group

therapy leader demanded that inmates admit to the additional rapes they'd committed. Some, like Josh, didn't have any other assaults to confess, but eventually, to satisfy the therapist, they would usually make something up. They'd then be forced to act their crimes out as part of the "treatment," Gravens says.

With most offenses, someone who has paid his debt to society is encouraged to integrate back into the world. Those on the sex offender list may find that challenging. Registrants can't live near a school, park, or playground. They must report to authorities anytime they get a new job, a new residence, or even a new hairstyle. They often must attend weekly therapy sessions. Sometimes they're forced to undergo polygraph tests or "penile plethysmographs," in which a gauge is attached to the penis to check for inappropriate arousal.

All these requirements are based on the "flawed but pervasive idea that those convicted of sex offenses became incurable and predatory monsters requiring—and deserving—lifetime punishment," writes Emily Horowitz, a professor of sociology at St. Francis College and author of two books on this subject.

What would happen if the registry were to disappear? All other criminal laws would remain in place, including increased penalties for repeat offenses. Only the list, and the dehumanization it wreaks, would be gone.

"If my child was victimized, I'd want to kill a person," Horowitz says. "But what if my child was a victimizer? I'd also want them to have a chance."

Me too.



About ICoN

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Postcards

In a memo posted on March 19, 2018 it said; "Effectively immediately Deputy Secretary Roark has issued a temporary suspension of any Greeting/Postcards. entering all public and private NMCD prisons".

A Prison Legal News article (April 2018) said. According to Leah Sakala, a research associate with the Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute. Based on her investigation into correctional mail policies, she wrote. Postcard only mail policies in jail. A report published by the Prison Policy Initiative. Typically, jail officials justify postcard only policies as a way to control contraband.

Sakala went on to say, "It's pretty clear that any attempts to limit incoming and out going mail in envelopes really needs to be weighed against the advice and body of evidence we have from the top experts in the field".

The Human Rights Defense Center, Prison Legal News parent organization has been successful defeating "postcard only" rules across the country.

Postcard only rules have been attempted by jails and prisons across country. They have All claimed that postcards are easier to inspect than any other form of incoming mail.

My first question to the N.M.D.C. would be, what conditions exist that makes New Mexico prisons unique, different, or opposite. From all other jails and prisons across the country?

There is no "valid rational connection" between the policy or action under challenge, and the purpose it is intended to serve.

Thank you,

John Heard #64679
LCCF

E Books

I was sent this by an inmate at Lea County Correctional Facility, he said I could use his name. John Heard #64679, 6900 W. Millen Dr. Hobbs, NM.

He writes: The First Amendment of the United States Constitution is the most majestic of all constitutional guarantees.

Our Fore Fathers put such high value on it, that it was not by accident that it was first.

Freedom of Speech often means Freedom to read. valued so highly that this right is not given up "At the Prison Gate".

Right Now, the New Mexico Department of Corrections is working on a way to restrict prisoners First Amendment right. That if passed would have catastrophic results!

Severely restricting the First Amendment Rights of prisoners everywhere.

I am talking about E Books. With the approval, and up coming availability of tablets to inmates. Conversations with staff, and paperwork that I have in my possession.

The N.M.C.D. is insinuating that once these tablets are available that ALL books received by inmates would be required to be E books only!! A plan of this magnitude would eliminate a large group of publishers and vendors.

This would affect all areas of publications. Including but not limited to, religious books, specially books, self help books, as well as older books that are not available as on E book.

This would violate the First Amendment Right of every publisher and vendor who wishes to send books to prisoners. If allowed to happen the would greatly reduce the flow of information to prisoners!

Such a restriction would set off a chain reaction, (as other states and prisons across the country would attempt the same).

Until we live in a world where only E books are available. This action is not only premature, but also having grave implications on the First Amendment Rights of prisoners.

E books will be a great addition to but not a total replacement of, all publica-

tions.

Such a restriction would carry so much weight. Having long reaching effects throughout the country. That it could, should, and most likely will, be challenged all the way to the United States Supreme Court! (If necessary).

Inmates who have the means to purchase a tablet, and E books, will do so. These will account for the biggest majority of prisoners that order publications.

This alone will no doubt reduce the volume of publications entering into prisons, without restricting other means of receiving publications.

One final note, I'm not even going into all the "new problems" this would create. As we all know by the events of WikiLeaks, Experian, and Facebook, nothing is 100% secure!

I can only hope that the N.M.C.D. uses these new tools, as a way to better the flow of information to prisoners, to better equip them for release. John Heard



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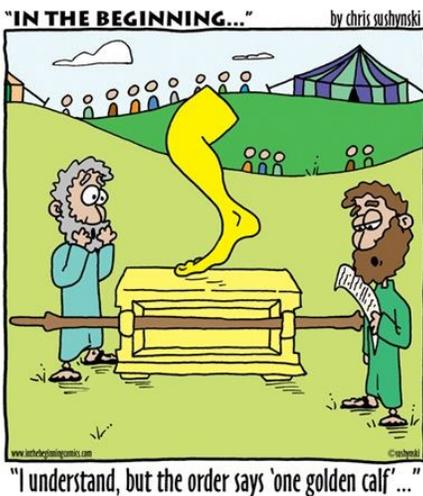
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Hebrew 13:3 - Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

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



THOUGHTS FROM ALICE

The other day I received a 12-page letter from an inmate back east. He wrote in faint pencil for about 12 pages of telling me how tough life was there. He finally got around to asking me for money. I wrote and explained that if I sent \$5 to him and to all those who wrote us it would cost me \$2,000 and we couldn't possibly do that. His letter progressed to the point that he was praising God, had asked Christ to be his Savior. I answered him by sympathizing with his difficulties and urged him to read Paul's epistles in the Bible about his prison conditions. I told him I had lived in the Philippines and witnessed the poor eating food they salvaged from the city dump. In the Philippines, incidentally, the president

simply kills those who are caught dealing drugs. This inmate wondered if we knew how tough the conditions were in NM prisons. I told him Don had spent 14 years there and I had visited inmates in 8 of them. Don and I agree that sentences are often too long and New Mexico is burdened down with the high cost of such. When people can't find a place to live they are often kept many years in house doing parole. One of our contacts in Illinois is six years beyond his parole release time. Illinois, incidentally, is having budget problems. Do we wonder how this happens when they have many overstaying? Thank you for your gifts and prayers that we may continue to be a blessing.

Titus House Updates by Alice

Don and I spoke yesterday, May 22, at Micah Fellowship, a collection of pastors, law enforcement, prison ministers and others involved in prison outreach. We had a good half hour to present the work of Titus House. We felt well received by about 22 people who meet monthly at New Beginnings Church. We were accompanied yesterday by Associate Pastor Joe Eastman who said he was happy hosting our ministry, including our monthly Circle of Concern at Foothills Church. We want to thank Foothills for their bravery. We have been told there have been no incidents with our folks in the past two years that we have been there.

Don and I are also involved in several other monthly community meetings and we are part of CURE, which in a national group we attend twice a year in Socorro. Along with these commitments, we sometimes go to Santa Fe to the Sex Offender Management Board.

I want to personally thank my husband for

doing more than half of the work of Titus House, answering many letters and talking on his phone many times a day. We still teach Bible once a week at La Pasada halfway house and encourage those looking for housing and jobs.

I am committed to the job of Registrar for Vacation Bible School at our former church, First Baptist Church of Tijeras. Along with that involvement, I meet with several women of that church for a weekly Bible study. In my spare time (!) I am a housewife, planting a garden, doing the usual laundry, getting dinner, shopping, chasing my two large dogs around and chatting with our neighbors. At present, we have a former offender living on our property in his own camper. Life is good here in the East Mountains of Albuquerque. We are very blest.

Circle of Concern

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 offenders, family and friends that meet together on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on June 17th, 2017 at 6 pm—8 pm. We will be having a potluck. We meet

at Foothills Fellowship Church, corner of Tramway and Candelaria on the far east side of Albuquerque. 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.

