

Liberal Oregon State Loses Track of More than 1000 Convicted Sexual Predators



Oregon is home to the most sex offenders per capita in the US, with 679 sex offenders per every 100,000 people in the state. The national average is reported at 274 per 100,000. Due to complex legal requirements, Oregon's public sex offender website currently only lists about 2.4% of the state's nearly 30,000 registered sex offenders. The website omits more than 1,000 sex offenders the state has classified as predators. While there is an effort to upgrade the system, the issue has been punted to the state legislature, but it may not gain traction as the Majority Leader of the Oregon House of Representatives, Jennifer Williamson, has actively campaigned for the early release of violent criminals and sex abusers.

Another day, another scandal in Oregon. This time, it's the Oregon State Police and Oregon Department Of Justice who are taking heat for losing track of over 1000 convicted rapists and child molesters. The reason? A loophole in state laws mean that only a small percentage of the sex abusers are required to be listed as registered sex offenders.

And now the state police are trying to cover it all up and blame the legislature.

KATU reports:

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KATU also discovered the website does not list more than 1,000 sex offenders the state has classified as predators.

And it wasn't easy to find that out.

Oregon State Police (OSP), which oversees the state's sex offender registry, initially tried to charge a KATU reporter \$200 for much of the information in this story.

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