

DEAR MS. WILLIMSEN,

11-28-05

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER, DATED NOV. 21, 2005. WHILE IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE APPLICATION OF SOME KIND OF PUBLIC AWARENESS STRATEGY IS IMPORTANT, CURRENT REGISTRATION LAWS, THOUGH Touted AS REGULATORY, ARE, IN PRACTICE, PUNITIVE. IT SEEMS THEY ALSO ENCOURAGE HATE CRIME, AS EVIDENCED BY THE RECENT DOUBLE HOMICIDE PERPETRATED BY SOMEONE POSING AS AN FBI AGENT. IF IT WERE UP TO ME, EVERYONE WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED A PROPENSITY FOR VICTIMIZING OTHERS, AND THAT INCLUDES DRUG DEALERS, WOULD HAVE TO REGISTER, BUT THE DETAILS OF THEIR CRIMES WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. NATURALLY, SOME PEOPLE, SUCH AS EMPLOYERS DOING BACKGROUND CHECKS, WOULD NEED ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, AND/OR THEIR CUSTOMERS, FROM THOSE WHO COULD BE A THREAT.

NOW, WITH REGARD TO MY SO CALLED "CRIMINAL RECORD" OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST NINETEEN YEARS I HAVE BEEN SUBJECT, FALSELY ACCUSED, CHARGED WITH CRIMES I WOULD NEVER DREAM OF COMMITTING, AND FORCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES TO TAKE PLEA BARGAINS IN ORDER TO AVOID EVEN GREATER INJUSTICES, AND ALL BECAUSE OF ONE DETECTIVE WHO, IN HIS FEVERED IMAGINATION, TURNED SOMETHING INNOCENT BETWEEN FATHER AND DAUGHTER INTO SOMETHING MORALLY REPREHENSIBLE. IN TRUTH, I HAVE NEVER IMPOSED MY WILL ON A CHILD. I AM NOT NOW, NOR HAVE I EVER BEEN, A CHILD MOLESTER. EVENTUALLY I WILL FIND A WAY TO CLEAR MY NAME AND DO WHATEVER I CAN TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM BEING VICTIMIZED BY A LEGAL SYSTEM WHERE TRUTH AND JUSTICE HAVE TAKEN A BACK SEAT TO POLITICS AND ECONOMICS.

MEANWHILE, I IMPLORE YOU TO LEAVE ME A NAMELESS STATISTIC FOR THE TIME BEING. MY CURRENT CASE IS BEING APPEALED AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT I WILL COME OUT ON TOP OF THIS ONE. ADDITIONALLY, THE SECURITY OF MY HOUSING SITUATION COULD BE COMPROMISED. IT IS BY NO MEANS SAFE, HERE.

ONE FINAL WORD ABOUT MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE REGISTRATION LAWS:

I HAVE BEEN SHOWN UNDUE PREJUDICE, ON SEVERAL FRONTS.

THREE OF MY VEHICLES HAVE BEEN VANDALIZED; ONE TOTALED.

I HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, UNDULY, IN COMPETITION FOR CONTRACT WORK.

I HAVE BEEN DENIED LEASES, SEVERAL TIMES, FOR HOMES, APARTMENTS, AND EVEN TRAILERS.

I HAVE ENDURED THREATS AGAINST MY LIFE, AND OTHER VIOLENCE.

WUF SAID?

FINALLY, SINCE YOU INTEND TO WRITE ME INTO YOUR PIECE WHETHER I CONSENT OR NOT, CONSIDER THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER MY CONTRIBUTION. I WILL NOT BE INVITING YOU OVER.

REMEMBER, PROSECUTORS AND SHERIFFS CAN BE CRIMINALS, TOO.

SINCERELY,

PATRICK STEARNS

P.S. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING... EVERYBODY DOES, BUT ASK YOURSELF, "WHAT IF HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH?" AS UNLIKELY AS IT MAY SEEM, I AM.