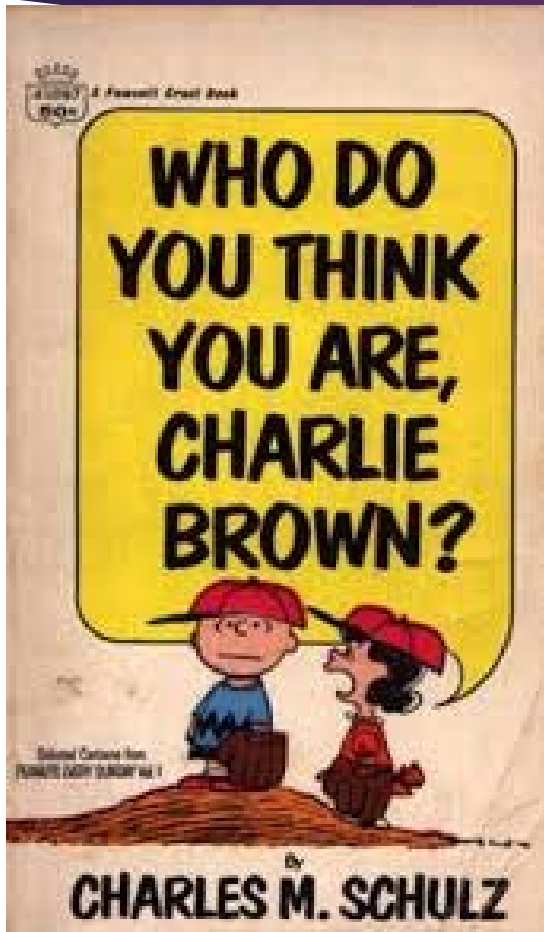




WASHINGTON STATE  
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CORRECTIONS

SUPERVISING SEX OFFENDERS IN THE  
COMMUNITY

# Who is DOC anyway?



- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> largest state agency after DSHS
- ▶ Split into Divisions including Prisons (all institutions and Work Releases) and Community Corrections
- ▶ Community Corrections is divided geographically by population, county, and city/neighborhood/zip code
- ▶ Some specialized units based on population/need

# It's just a sentence. Does it really need to be this complicated?

- ▶ Superior Court sentences don't all include involvement with DOC
- ▶ Sentence lengths and components are based in part on type of conviction and date of offense
- ▶ Not every conviction carries supervision by law
- ▶ Supervision can be affected by classification
- ▶ Probation vs. Parole vs. Supervision, what's the difference?
- ▶ Sentence alternatives (i.e. SSOSA)

# Differing jurisdictions

## Court jurisdiction (i.e. SSOSA)

Court imposes conditions

Confinement must be at local County jail

Violation hearings are in Court before a judge

## DOC jurisdiction (i.e. CCP)

DOC imposes conditions based on risk

Violation hearings are held by DOC

## ISRB jurisdiction (i.e. CCB)

ISRB imposes conditions

ISRB approves CCO action

Violation hearings conducted by ISRB



# CCO Tools for supervising Sex Offenders

- ▶ Offender Release Plan
- ▶ Law Enforcement Notification
- ▶ Washington One Assessment
- ▶ Continuous Case Plan
- ▶ Establish Conditions of Supervision
- ▶ Residence Approval
- ▶ CCO contacts (office, field, home)
- ▶ Collateral contacts
- ▶ Rapport
- ▶ Urinalysis/Breathalyzer testing
- ▶ GPS (passive)
- ▶ Polygraphs
- ▶ Swift and Certain
- ▶ Search
- ▶ Community Meetings
- ▶ Recent Overt Act Referral

# Common conditions of supervision for SOs

- ▶ Sex Offender treatment
- ▶ Internet and/or electronic device restrictions
- ▶ No social media or dating apps
- ▶ No contact with specified individuals (i.e. minors)
- ▶ Geographic restrictions/curfew
- ▶ No pornography or sexually stimulating material
- ▶ DOC approved education, employment, and/or community service

# Response to Violations

- ▶ Varies depending on the sanctioning body (Court, DOC, or ISRB)
- ▶ For Community Custody cases (Swift and Certain)
  - ▶ Violations 1\*-5 = 1-3 days confinement
  - ▶ Violation 6 and up = 30 days maximum
  - ▶ Some cases are eligible for return to prison
- ▶ For ISRB cases, options range from a warning to revocation and return to prison
- ▶ For Court cases, sanction can be up to 60 days confinement per violation

# Barriers to offender success

- ▶ Stigma and fear on the part of both the community and the offender
- ▶ Lack of housing
- ▶ Lack of employment
- ▶ Cost and availability of SO treatment
- ▶ Too many conditions?
- ▶ Internet restrictions in a digital world
- ▶ Geographic restrictions



# Q and A

