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Citizens Against Government Entrapment:

- Bruce's Introduction Letter
- **CAGE** advocates for those impacted by proactive sex sting operations
 - Proactive stings run almost exclusively on legal adult dating apps and websites

Craigslist	Skout	Badoo	Tinder	Whisper	OK Cupid	Grindr
Scruff	Grizzly	Plenty of Fish	Book of Matches	Skip the Games	Meet Me	Others

- Persons randomly targeted, no known ongoing criminal activity.
- Mission statements to target those with history, or current victims, not followed.
- No real children saved or rescued, no actual victims.
- Men answering 18+ adult profiles / ads clearly not seeking minors.
- Men are not seeking minors or children they are responding to 18+ adult profiles.
- Police tactics used:
 - Bait and switch from 18+ to minor ages
 - Photos of adult
 - Ambiguous statements (I.E. live at home, go to school)

MECTF / ICAC Mission Statement:

MECTF Net Nanny Safety Plan excerpt:

MISSION

MECTF is placing CL ads, answering CL ads, and chatting with individuals that want to perpetrate commercial and non-commercial sex crimes against children. The Online UC operation will focus on suspects that have history with sexually abusing children, have stated they sexually exploit children, and recovering children that are being sexually exploited.

This is **NOT** being accomplished by using 18+ dating apps and websites, 18+ age profiles, and 18+ photos.

Citizens Against Government Entrapment:

Charges and Sentencing

- Unable to apply SOSSA due to no actual victim for any of those arrested in a sting.
- Most charged with Felony A "Attempted Rape of a Child" AND Enticement of a Minor for Immoral Purposes.
- Lifetime CC result of charge, not risk assessment.
- WA state has no Internet Luring charges; 78% of all states do!
- Attempted clause used is a police tactic for longer, harsher sentences to maximize ICAC Funding.

Net Nanny Statistics:

- **21** Separate Net Nanny Sting Operations (2015-2023):
 - 323 Total Arrests
 - **24%** Arrested were 25 and under!
 - Children saved Zero

Plea Deal: 72%	Trial (Bench and Jury): 23%	
Acquitted / Dismissed: 2%	Suicide / Death: 3%	

- 23 cases still pending
- 40%(120) Individuals (all ages) with Lifetime CC
 - More than half of these were plea bargains.
- 37%: (25) Individuals (25 years old and under) with Lifetime CC

Net Nanny Statistics:

- All Lifetime CC are under ISRB:
 - 45+ released,
 - 8+ not released (15% chance of being found NOT Releasable)

 Example of ISRB 'unreasonable' sentence - "L.S." received a 40 month sentence, was found NOT RELEASABLE twice – doubled his sentence (40m + 24m + 24m)!

Other States:

- How many other states have LIFETIME SUPERVISION?
 - 24 states **WITH** Lifetime Supervision (48%)
 - Several states with Lifetime Supervision don't impose this for proactive sting cases. Most don't impose Lifetime Supervision for a first offense.
 - 26 states WITHOUT Lifetime Supervision

Supervision Challenges (none sex related):

- A.K. (NN#10 Whatcom County): Age 26, Trial, 40m w/ Lifetime CC.
 - ISRB released ~ Jun 2021
 - Re-arrested for Violation (3/2/2022) back to prison for ~18-21 months.
 - Undisclosed relationship (jpay messaging)
 - Re-Released Dec 2023.

- D.K. (NN#6 Clark County): Age 53, Trial, 76.5m w/ Lifetime CC.
 - ISRB released Nov 2022
 - Re-arrested for UA Violation (Nov 2023)
 - Still in Prison as of July 2024

- N.W. (NN#5 Thurston County): Age 45, Plea, 60m w/ Lifetime CC.
- T.B. (NN#4 Spokane County): Age 29, Jury Trial, 58.5m w/ Lifetime CC.

N. W. Summary (NN#5):

- Released April 2022.
- Initially released to Oregon Unable to find employment in Hermiston, OR.
- Lived in detached Apartment, CCO had him leave to due kids visiting main house.
 - Lived in car for next 4.5 months (Sept Jan)
- Found employment in Dec 2022, Housing in Jan 2023.
- Had to go back to court in Sept 2023 to be allowed internet access and contact with kids.
- Required to have monitoring Software for internet access.
- Has paid thousands of dollars in various fees, charges and polygraphs.
- Under constant stress, anxiety, depression and fear everyday.
- Would like committee to take a deep and realistic look to see if anything is truly gained by putting people on LIFETIME Community Custody versus a properly established length of time.

T. B. Summary (NN#4):

- Released June 2022 on Lifetime Supervision. Transferred to Wyoming Jan 2023.
- Level 1 in WA State, Level 3 in Wyoming had to register every 3 months.
 - Failed first Polygraph which increased restrictions.
- Couldn't leave county without permission.
- SOTP provider (every week) was 168 miles away one way. CCO was 50 miles away.
- Changed CCO's went through phone, arrested for failure to register due to not writing e-mail address on registration paperwork. Extradited to WA state.
 - Was in WY jail for 39 days and WA SCORE facility for 41 days. Found guilty of Failure to Register in WY.
 - WY won't accept transfer back, WA DOC won't allow out of state work permit.
- Losing business, property, etc. in WY due to not being able to stay in the state.
- All due to restriction of Failure to Register restrictions (email not disclosed also had to register Cashapp and Venmo money service apps).
- Concerned about working so hard again for something that can be lost so quickly.