

Sexual Offender Registration Program: Identifying Ways to Correct and Enhance This Effort

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Jessica Lunsford, age 9, was kidnapped and killed by a known (registered) Sexual offender in February 2005 in Citrus County Florida. Existing registration requirements for Sexual predator/offenders have been changed since the Lunsford murder. This study focuses on law enforcement agencies and prosecutors throughout the State of Florida when it comes to registration, re-registration, absconding and the prosecution of offenders violating those requirements. This study also describes changes that should be made and suggests that standardization among agencies may keep offenders from falling through the cracks and possibly re-offending.