

APRIL'S LAW WISCONSIN

We, the undersigned, as citizens and registered voters do hereby petition for the passage of the following laws to see all child predators have mandatory sentences that prohibit them from returning to the streets to re-offend. As citizens of the United States, we believe that the sentencing guidelines for those who kidnap, sexually molest and/or kill children, (any personage 17 and under) are entirely too lenient.

Below are just two of the countless research studies performed to support our position.

1. Seto, M. (2009). "Pedophilia," *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 5, 391-407.

"There is no evidence to suggest that pedophilia can be changed." (From abstract.)

2. Berlin, Fred S., Saleh, Fabian M., and Malin, H. Martin (2009). "Mental Illness and Sex Offending," in *Sex Offenders*, p. 124. Oxford University Press US.

"In the past, efforts to "recondition" homosexuality were a clear failure. The same would appear to be true of methods intended to "recondition" paraphilic conditions such as pedophilia."

April's State Law was enacted because we recognize that those who prey on children cannot be "fixed". Is it a compulsion that even those at the top of the psychology field have yet to truly understand. There is no cure and our children are in eminent danger. We are also tired of hearing about child predators being released back into our streets so that they may re-offend. We believe that just punishment for the following crimes should be as such:

- 1st degree murder of a child: Will automatically be a capital offense. This will also include any death of a child as the result of abuse and/or neglect. Conviction will result in a minimum sentence of life without parole and a maximum sentence of death.
- Child Rape: Mandatory life without parole.
- Child Pornography;
 1. Distribution: 25 years to life
 2. Simple possession with no intent to distribute: minimum sentence of 15 years.