



Idaho Department of Correction

Briefing Sheet

Special Topic

Idaho's Premier Black Hat Agency

Sex Offender Management



In Idaho Prisons:

- ◆ 1,338 sex offenders
- ◆ 21% of Idaho's prison population
- ◆ Average sentence length is 13.8 years



In Idaho Communities:

- ◆ 987 sex offenders are supervised by the IDOC
- ◆ 2,938 adults are on Idaho's sex offender registry
 - ◆ 38 of those are violent sexual predators
- ◆ 126 juveniles are on Idaho's sex offender registry

IDOC statistics are as of December 2007 ISP registry statistics are as of February 2008

Prison or Parole?

Very few inmates spend their lives in prison. 98% of all inmates return to communities. Sex offenders parole at a lower rate than any other crime group, including those convicted of murder and manslaughter.

What we know:

- ⇒ Research clearly demonstrates that stable housing significantly reduces sex offender recidivism.
- ⇒ Research also clearly demonstrates that community supervision combined with sex offender treatment significantly reduce recidivism.
- ⇒ Sex offenders without appropriate housing options are less likely to parole.
- ⇒ Consequently, they are more likely to serve their full sentences and be released without supervision and appropriate treatment. This negatively impacts public safety.

How we supervise:

- ⇒ Each probation and parole district has specially trained sex offender officers.
- ⇒ Standards for sex offenders are higher than any other group.
- ⇒ The department requires regular polygraphs.
- ⇒ Treatment is required for sex offenders on probation and parole.
- ⇒ Sex offender caseloads are smaller so officers can provide heightened supervision and accountability.
- ⇒ Officers utilize a phased approach to supervision of sex offenders based on performance, treatment and behavior.