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I, hereby, authorize Robert J. Bidinotto to use the attached statement as
a comment on his book Criminal Justice? The Legal System Versus
Individual Responsibility.



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STATEMENT FOR BIDINOTTO BOOK

It is perfectly understandable why the American people feel that today's Criminal Justice system isn't working. It's because the Criminal Justice system has been turned upside down by the "Excuse-Making Industry" so aptly described in Robert Bidinotto's collection of articles by Criminal Justice experts.

The public has been spoon-fed with the notion by the excuse makers that criminals are not responsible for their crimes.

It's about time the American people heard more common sense. Criminals are responsible for their own behavior, and crime stems not from being deprived of love, money, or education, but by a lack of character and values.

There will always be crime, and our society must deal with it through a criminal justice system that is responsive and effective, not more of the same social programs that have failed in the past.

Bill + Beth -

Suggested excerpts underlined -

Bob