

# Crime: Should we pray or refuse to be prey?

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Lawrence Singleton should've been stoking the fires of hell for the past 19 years. That his assignment to the gang of the bottomless pit didn't occur, moments after conviction for the abduction, rape, mutilation and attempted murder of a 15-year-old, is cause for abject national shame.

And, as most of us know, there's further cause for shame, to wit: We allowed the disgusting, perverted sociopath to roam among us, after an eight-year sentence, so that he could commit mayhem and murder again — this time, fatally stabbing a woman in Tampa.

Oops. So sorry. Before eliciting nasty letters from the criminal protection league, it's important to issue a caveat: The glob of slime is merely *accused*. True, he was caught, soaked with the woman's blood, just after she was butchered by his boning knife in his residence. But, you know, it's possible that she butchered herself, splattered Singleton just to get him in a lot of trouble with his parole officers, then died. See?

To continue: Sadly, Singleton's a small part of our problem — and shame. Every time each of you walks about in your community, you're literally rubbing shoulders with violent, vicious criminals who've been prematurely released by our CPL and courts, based on determinations



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of rehabilitation by penal officials — or gain time for very excellent behavior.

What will it take to get you good ladies and gentlemen angry enough to terminate the activities of degenerates like Singleton?

How many of you, and your spouses, children, relatives and friends must be victims of such predators before you go, en masse, to state legislatures, courts of (hah!) justice, and the Congress, to issue unambiguous ultimatums?

How much longer will you suffer psychobabble charlatans — like those who found Singleton nonviolent, days before he did his carving job on Roxanne Hayes Feb. 19?

When will the great majority of you cease responding to acts like Singleton's with: "Oh, my, another non-violent, rehabilitated, plea-bargained, work-release victim of our decadent society has done it again. I do sorely wish there were something I could do."

Stop it. You have the authority.

You have the power. And you have the responsibility to cast aside the feel-good, touchy-feely, kissy-face, odious — and deadly — pettifoggery spewed by criminal protectionists, and their legislative and judicial allies.

First, steel yourselves with the truth about our criminal justice system. *Criminal Justice? The Legal System vs. Individual Responsibility*, edited by Robert James Bidinotto, is a good place to start. The anthology is available from The Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY 10533.

The collection provides the history of degradation of our justice system; it offers doable, corrective measures and it puts the lie to progressivism, which enables recycling of predators.

Second, support our street cops — who are continually frustrated by attempting to serve and protect, only to be repeatedly required to re-arrest recycled felons. Contact the Law Enforcement Alliance of America, 1-800-766-8578. Ask how you can help them put the predators away — for good.

What do you have to lose but your lives? |

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