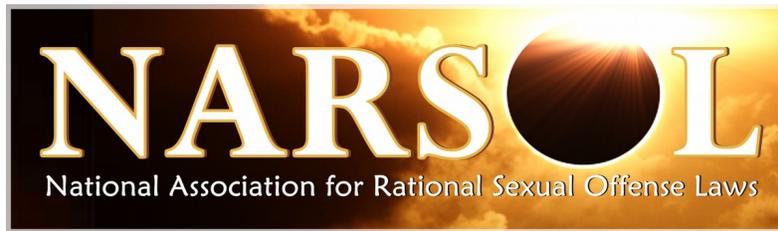


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## **NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP SLAMS SHERIFF GONZALES FOR BASELESS FEAR MONGERING**

**Washington, D.C. | May 21, 2018**—The National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws ([NARSOL](https://narsol.org)) demands that Sheriff Manny Gonzales stop running politically motivated [newspaper advertising](#) in which his department stokes baseless fears about so-called “non-compliant sex offenders.”

In a recent, [full-color insert](#), the sheriff’s department cautions the public not to approach “non-compliant sex offenders” because they may be armed and dangerous, a positively absurd insinuation. NARSOL wishes to remind Sheriff Gonzales—as well as all the citizens of New Mexico—that sex offender registration is a “non-punitive, civil regulatory scheme.” NARSOL condemns this type of fear-mongering hype because it needlessly raises anxiety levels throughout the community, and on the basis of conjectural facts.

Brenda Jones, NARSOL’s Executive Director had the following to say: “Sunday’s Albuquerque Journal’s [paid advertisement](#) is, first, a waste of vital taxpayer resources and, second, needlessly stokes fears about the dangerousness of individuals, some of whose offenses occurred more than 20 years ago.”

Jones continues, “NARSOL hopes to see the day when politicians such as sheriff Gonzales will not stoop to wasting precious taxpayer resources that could be better utilized protecting citizens.”

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*NARSOL is a national civil rights organization that advocates for laws based on facts and evidence and for policies that support the successful rehabilitation, restoration, and reintegration of law abiding, former sex offenders into society as the path to a safer society.*

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