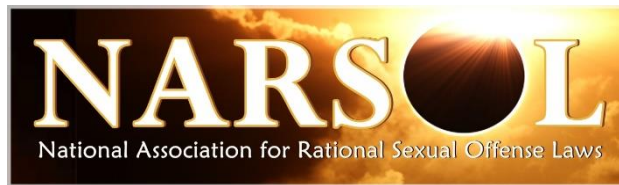


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National civil rights organization calls on state, federal govts to abolish publicized sex offender registries

Nebraska vigilante case just another in a string of similar incidents

Raleigh, North Carolina | May 20, 2020—In the wake of yet another vigilante murder of a person required to register on a public sex offender registry, the National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (NARSOL) is calling for the abolition of publicized sex offender registries nationwide.

On Saturday, May 16, [Mattieo Condoluci, a publicly registered sex offender, was found shot to death](#) inside his Omaha, Nebraska home. James Fairbanks, also of Omaha, surrendered voluntarily, took responsibility for the murder, and is being held in the Douglas County jail. Fairbanks stated that he learned of Condoluci's status as a convicted sexual offender via the Nebraska sex offender registry.

Condoluci's wanton murder by Fairbanks (who is required by law to register as a sex offender) is just the latest in vigilante murders facilitated by public access to a sex offender registry:

[Washington State in 2005](#) – two registrants murdered; [Maine in 2006](#) – two registrants murdered; [California in 2011](#) – one murdered; [Washington State again in 2012](#) -two registrants murdered; [South Carolina in 2013](#) – two murdered – a registrant and his non-registrant wife.

These are just the best documented cases; there have been more, an indeterminable number more. These cases, in addition to all being cold-blooded murders carried out by vigilantes, have one thing in common: They were all facilitated by nothing other than the victim's existence on a public sexual offender registry.

“There are individuals out there,” said Brenda Jones, NARSOL's executive director, “who feel they have the right to kill those whose past actions they find despicable. The posting of names and addresses on a publicly disseminated registry is telling these individuals exactly where to go.”

The efficacy of public registries in reducing recidivism and improving public safety [is shown to be nonexistent](#).

According to Sandy Rozek, NARSOL's communication director, “There is no justification in preserving a system that does not reduce re-offense rates, does not lower the rate of sexual assault, and that, rather than contributing to public safety, increases the danger to the public in many ways, one of which is painting a target on the foreheads of those with sexual crime convictions and giving their would-be killers a roadmap to their doors.”

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NARSOL condemns, in the strongest possible terms, vigilante activity, most especially murder, of persons on sexual offense registries and calls on the federal government and states to immediately take the necessary steps to eliminate the online dissemination of these registries.

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NARSOL is the nation's largest civil rights organization advocating on behalf of registered citizens and their families. NARSOL opposes dehumanizing registries and works to eliminate discrimination, banishment, and vigilantism against persons accused or convicted of sexual offenses through the use of impact litigation, public education, legislative advocacy, and media outreach in order to reintegrate and reconcile affected individuals and restore their constitutional rights.