

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee;

I am Henry Dykstra. I am a lifelong resident of Montana. I have taught elementary school here for 25 years.

Twenty years ago today, I was teaching third grade in Big Timber. One of my students was an extremely quiet, withdrawn boy, who displayed definite signs of physical abuse. Multiple calls to Child Protective Services proved futile. The boy's grandparents were pushing hard to adopt the child, or at the very least have him removed from their daughter's home. The court ruled with total disregard for the child's best interest, completely ignoring the pleas of the grandparents and myself. This is BLATANT NEGLIGENCE AND ENDANGERMENT.

People, who are abused as children, tend to be unstable adults.

Today, Matt resides in the state prison in Deer Lodge. He is serving 25 years for rape. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> felony offense, since turning 18, eleven years ago.

Some people might argue that passing this bill will be costly. I ask you, how much does a felony trial cost? Currently an inmate costs the state more than \$34,000 per year. What about 25 years? This is just ONE case. What about the other 1,400 plus inmates in Deer Lodge alone? How much of the \$167.3 million we spend on corrections every year could easily have been avoided?

Unstable adults often turn to drugs including alcohol to deal with reality. Our courts today are being flooded with situations involving such abuse. How much is this costing the state?

Four years ago, a GAL blatantly disregarded the recommendations of both school professionals and psychologists, in the placement of my two nieces. The pattern of 'troubled teen's syndrome' is now starting to surface (truancy, low grades, drugs, petty crimes, etc.)

COST!? Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, if the old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is true, then, we simply can't afford NOT to pass this bill.

Thank You!

  
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## Montana Department of Corrections Correctional Offender Information Sheet

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**DOC ID# 47336**  
**NAME: MATTHEW DEAN CLARK**  
**CURRENT STATUS: INMATE**  
**STATUS LAST UPDATED: 14-FEB-08**  
**GENDER: MALE**  
**PRISON:**  
**MONTANA STATE PRISON**  
**700 CONLEY LAKE DRIVE**  
**DEER LODGE, MT 59722**  
**For More Information: (406) 846-1320**

### PHYSICAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

### AKAs

**DOB:** 27-FEB-81  
**BIRTHPLACE:** GREAT FALLS, MONTANA  
**ETHNICITY:** WHITE  
**MARITAL STATUS:** SINGLE  
**CITIZENSHIP:** United States  
**MT RESIDENT:** Y

**HEIGHT:** 5 FT 6 IN  
**WEIGHT:** 150 LBS  
**L/R HANDED:** R  
**HAIR COLOR:** BROWN  
**BUILD:** MEDIUM  
**SKIN TONE:** LIGHT  
**EYE COLOR:** BROWN

MATTHEW CLARK, MATT CLARK,

### SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS AND OTHER PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

NCIC Code	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
SC L ARM	SCARS ARM, LEFT, NONSPECIFIC	
TAT L THG	TATTOO THIGH, LEFT	CROSS
TAT LF AR	TATTOO FOREARM, LEFT	CLOWN FACE
TAT R THG	TATTOO THIGH, RIGHT	HEAD WITH HORNS
TAT RF AR	TATTOO FOREARM, RIGHT	CLOWN, FACE
TAT UL AR	TATTOO ARM, LEFT UPPER	CLOWN FACES
TAT UR AR	TATTOO ARM, RIGHT UPPER	DRAGON, MICKEY MOUSE

### LEGAL RECORD

**DOCKET:** DC-07-15  
**COUNTY:** POWELL  
**JUDGE:** DAYTON  
**COUNTS:** 1  
**LEGAL TYPE:** ORIGINAL SENTENCE  
**SENTENCE TYPE:** PRISON W/PARTIAL SUSPENDED

**OFFENSE:** SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITHOUT CONSENT  
**CODE:** 455503  
**OFFENSE DATE:** 22-JAN-07  
**SENTENCE PRONOUNCED:** 23-SEP-08  
**SENTENCE EFFECTIVE:** 23-SEP-08  
**NET SENTENCE (MONTHS):** 300

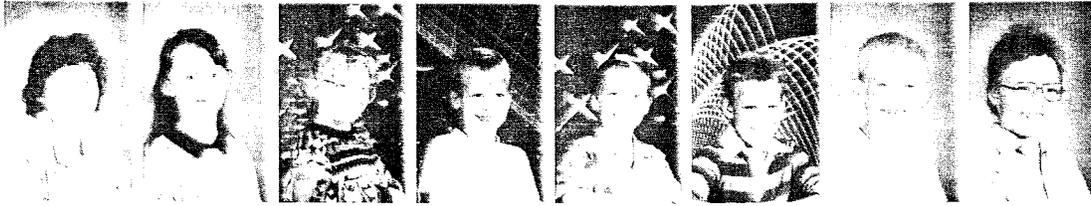
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**COUNTY:** YELLOWSTONE  
**JUDGE:** BAUGH  
**COUNTS:** 1  
**LEGAL TYPE:** ORIGINAL SENTENCE  
**SENTENCE TYPE:** PRISON W/PARTIAL SUSPENDED

**OFFENSE:** SEXUAL ASSAULT  
**CODE:** 455502  
**OFFENSE DATE:** 01-JUL-04  
**SENTENCE PRONOUNCED:** 03-OCT-05  
**SENTENCE EFFECTIVE:** 03-OCT-05  
**NET SENTENCE (MONTHS):** 150

**DOCKET:** DC 99-0929  
**COUNTY:** YELLOWSTONE  
**JUDGE:** WATTERS  
**COUNTS:** 1  
**LEGAL TYPE:** ORIGINAL SENTENCE  
**SENTENCE TYPE:** DEFERRED

**OFFENSE:** THEFT  
**CODE:** 456301  
**OFFENSE DATE:** 24-OCT-99  
**SENTENCE PRONOUNCED:** 20-JUL-00  
**SENTENCE EFFECTIVE:** 20-JUL-00  
**NET SENTENCE (MONTHS):** 36

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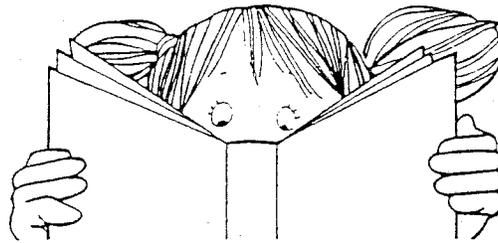
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 Kristina Amos  
 Tara Buster  
 Jeremy Countryman  
 Keith Faw  
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 Josh Myrstol  
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 Sarah Timko  
 Danielle Tucker



Robin Young

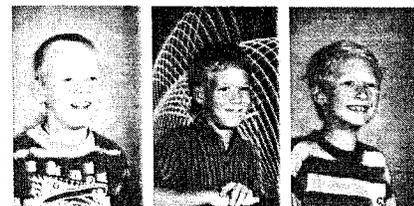


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 Tami Chapel  
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