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## Feels sentence in case little more than a slap on the wrist

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According to a recent story in the Citizen-Times, the music pastor at St. Eugene's Catholic Church was convicted of child molestation and pornography. He was sentenced to 28 years. However, John Schneider, who left a board meeting to delete incriminating pornography from the music minister's computer, was given the proverbial slap on the wrist.

This man must have known what was going on. He was apparently aiding and abetting a child molester/pornographer and obstructing justice. Yet our District Attorney, Ron Moore, moved the offense from felony to misdemeanor status. He said he didn't have a prior record. This implies it was a first offense. Shouldn't the severity of the crime count for something?

I'm not a lawyer, but I'm literate and have a sense of morality and justice. The damage done, to the victims, by molesters is indescribable. According to studies these perpetrators almost always have several victims. This is a crime that will never be eliminated, but minimizing it through aggressive law enforcement would help.

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