



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson names Sex Offender Management Board**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today appointed members to the newly created Sex Offender Management Board. The board will get to work immediately to develop tough new guidelines for identifying and tracking convicted sex offenders.

“This board will develop results-oriented guidelines and recommendations that will stem this growing tide of sexual crimes,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “The public demands and deserves solutions to this horrendous problem. And they want them now.”

The idea for a Sex Offender Management Board is strongly supported by friends of Marissa Mathy-Zvaifler, the teen-ager who was killed by a sex offender at the Sunshine Theater. Governor Richardson created the management board by including it in a tough, new sexual predator bill that he signed into law earlier this month. The new law, known as Marissa’s Law, also sets mandatory minimum sentences for sexual predators.

“Many others have recommended a similar concept,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “That’s what we’re doing. This board will have real teeth.”

The Sex Offender Management Board will be charged with a number of duties, including developing a standard procedure for evaluation and identification of convicted sex offenders. It will develop standards for treatment programs; create a program to assist in the screening of sex offenders; and develop guidelines for tracking sex offenders.

The board will also develop stringent criteria for measuring a sex offender’s progress in treatment programs. The criteria will be used by the Parole Board to determine whether a sex offender may appropriately be discharged from parole.

This board will also review the Sex Offender Notification and Registration Act, known as Megan's Law, and recommend changes if necessary.

The board will report its findings and recommendations to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission on a quarterly basis.

Governor Richardson appointed the following seven New Mexicans to serve on the Board:

1. **Louise Tracey**, Executive Director, La Pinon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern NM – *Law: Public Member who is a board member of a NM victim's organization.*
2. **Moss Aubrey**, mental health professional who is a member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers – *Law: Mental Health Professional & Member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.*
3. **Donita Goodin** – Juvenile Sex Offender Therapist. *Law: Juvenile Sex Offender Therapist.*
4. **Dr. Bianca Martinez**, Mental Health Bureau Chief, Department of Corrections. *Law: Department of Corrections, Parole & Probation Division.*
5. **Matt Thomas** – Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department – *Law Enforcement with Expertise in Megan's Law.*
6. **Kari Morrissey**, Attorney, *Representative from a Civil Liberties Organization.*
7. **Reverend Barbara Dua**, Executive Director, NM Conference of Churches, *Representative from a Faith-Based Organization.*

The 14-member Sex Offender Management Board also includes the following members who currently serve on the New Mexico Sentencing Commission:

1. **Attorney General Patricia Madrid**
2. **District Attorney Lemuel Martinez** (Appointed by the District Attorneys Association of New Mexico)
3. **Chief Public Defender John Bigelow**
4. **District Judge** (To be appointed by the District Court Judge's Association of New Mexico)

- 5. Corrections Secretary Joe Williams**
- 6. Health Secretary Pat Montoya**
- 7. Children, Youth & Families Secretary Mary Dale Bolson**