

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Sentencing Structure, Policy and Practices Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

IMRP Conference Room, Downtown Campus

Central Connecticut State University

185 Main Street

New Britain, CT

Members Present: *Hon. Robert Devlin (chair), David Shepack*

Also Participating: *Leland Moore (Staff), Madonna Burns, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Brian Austin, Robert Farr, Eric Fish, Teodor Radu, Tejas Bhatt*

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:10 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY STATUTES

A. DISCUSSION: The Committee discussed revising Connecticut's child pornography statutes to better address repeat offenders and technological advancement, while avoiding erroneous application of the law.

B. CONSENSUS: The Committee decided that further information is necessary before revisions can continue. This includes:

Information about the individual offender's criminal history & psychological profile and,
the number of offenders who recidivate each year over the past ten years.

III. PERSISTENT OFFENDER STATUTE

A. DISCUSSION: The Committee discussed revisions to C.G.S. 53a-40 that would allow greater accessibility and yield more just results.

B. CONSENSUS: The Committee decided that additional information is necessary before revisions can occur. The Committee will collect information on the number of individuals charged per year under the statute, along with the types of offenses utilized when applying the statute.

IV. PRESENTATION: *Sentencing as Inter-branch Dialogue*

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Yale Law School Ph.D. Candidate Eric Fish presented his article, "Sentencing as Inter-branch Dialogue." –

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Judge Devlin directed the Classification Working Group to further examine the issues surrounding the application of special parole to class A felonies.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED

Judge Devlin adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.