

Hello, my name is Adam Tucker. Eleven almost twelve years ago a lack of judgment has impacted my life more than I could ever even begin to explain. Without getting into all of the details of my case, I was lied to and manipulated by the Richland county police department. To sum things up, it was more or less a sting operation. They did everything they could to keep communication with me and make me a criminal. I never sent any explicit pictures of any nature. Never had any physical contact with any victim as there was no victim. There was no minor. They deemed my travel from Fargo to Wahpeton as a significant step to meeting a minor.

The ramifications of this have absolutely ruined my life. I've missed out on many job opportunities. I've missed out on watching my nephew grow up and play sports. I've

lost countless friends. I've missed out on having meaningful relationships. I've missed out on traveling the globe. Even with a low risk level, people don't care. My neighbors shun me. I don't even feel comfortable in my own neighborhood that I've lived in the past 10 years. The black cloud that has followed me over this has caused severe bouts of depression, embarrassment and shame. I am not a bad person, I am not a monster. However the sex offender label makes me a monster in many people's eyes. People see that label and assume the absolute worst when in fact, I'm one of the most caring, nicest individuals you'd ever meet. With my business I help give others 2nd chances. I've hired many felons who just need someone to believe in them. To give them a chance. My punishment does not match my crime. My crime was hands off, no

victim. I'm punished based on "potential" I potentially could have done something. I've been registered for over 11 years. I've always been compliant, I've always been a model citizen about it. I was even released off probation early as even my probation officer saw no cause for concern. I'd love to have my label taken off and just live a normal life. I wanna be able to travel, I want to be able to expand my business however I'm pigeon holed. Having a felony on my record and being a sex offender prevents all of that. Having to explain the situation to people constantly is exhausting. Even showing them the facts of my case, it doesn't matter because the stigma of this label makes you the worst of the worst. Low risk should not be 15 years. I would do anything to be off the registry and have that case sealed and just live the life I deserve.

