Sex Offender Supervision: A Community Containment Approach

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DEFINITION OF A SEX OFFENDER

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- Supervise the behavior, not the conviction
Experiences reported by probation and parole officers nationwide indicate that sex offenders are, in fact, a specific group of offenders in need of special management.

(English et. al., 1996)
Many professionals believed that an integrated approach was needed.

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CONTAINMENT APPROACH

- This approach seeks to hold sex offenders accountable through the combined use of both the offenders’ internal controls, external criminal justice control measures, and the use of the polygraph to monitor internal controls and compliance with external controls.

(English et. al., 1996)
The Containment Model

- Probation
- Treatment
- Polygraph
ACCOUNTABILITY

- Probation Conditions
- Special Instructions
- Home Visits/Community Surveillance
- Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Treatment
- Polygraph Examination
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- Local Law Enforcement
- Commonwealth’s Attorney
- Department of Social Services
- Victim/Witness
- Other Supervising Agencies
PROBATION

- Composition of the team
- Home Visits/Community Surveillance
- Special Forms
SPECIAL FORMS

- Special Instructions
- Sex Offender Alert
- State Police Registration
CONCLUSION

- The Containment Model of Sex Offender Supervision is the most effective method of supervision.
- When done right, this model enhances public safety and prevents further victims.
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