

NPR 'Abused & Betrayed' series must lead to national reforms

Surveillance cameras and immediate 911 reporting are vital steps to dramatically reduce the epidemic of rapes of vulnerable women & children with disabilities

ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, January 23, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [NPR](https://www.npr.org/series/575502633/abused-and-betrayed) has released a scathing investigative reporting series called "Abuse and Betrayed" exposing massive sexual assaults and rapes of people with disabilities. According to NPR, who obtained information from the U.S. Department of Justice, people with disabilities are sexually assaulted seven or more times the rate of anyone else.

Abused and Betrayed

<https://www.npr.org/series/575502633/abused-and-betrayed>

In the first NPR exposé, the story of a very dangerous New York State caregiver and pedophile that the Jonathan Carey Foundation has been speaking about for many months is again brought to light. In a nutshell, this man was sexually assaulting and filming at least one disabled boy that he was supposed to be taking care of in a New York State operated group home.

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Cameras must be installed to protect people with disabilities from sexual predators and we must finally ensure immediate reporting to 911 call centers to end decades of discrimination in civil rights.”

Michael Carey - Advocate for people with disabilities and their families

The Sexual Assault Epidemic No One Talks About
<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/08/570224090/the-sexual-assault-epidemic-no-one-talks-about>

Thankfully, Stephen DeProspero was caught in a federal porn sting and convicted and he will be in jail for a very long time. Listen to what this pedophile said in his own words, which must be heard loud and clear by everyone;

"The lack of supervision there made it easy to do what I did,"

DeProspero said in a handwritten affidavit obtained by The Associated Press. "I could have stayed in that house for years and abused him every day without anybody even noticing at all. It was a predator's dream."



The wide-scale discrimination against our most vulnerable citizen with disabilities must be stopped. To deny people with disabilities immediate 911 emergency first responder services and to deny them "equal protections of laws" is discrimination in civil rights.

It was a predator's dream': NY pays \$3M to family of molested boy

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/crime/2017/02/20/predators-dream-ny-pays-3m-family-molested-boy/98154714/>

This extremely disturbing statement made by this pedophile speaks volumes of [Governor Andrew Cuomo](#)'s mental health care system in New York State. The sad fact is that in 2011 the New York Times did a massive investigative reporting series called "Abused and Used", which Michael Carey convinced the Times to do, which should have catapulted numerous vital reforms to protect the disabled from these heinous sex crimes. Governor Cuomo, instead, went the exact opposite direction and chose to continue protect the institutional cover-ups, jeopardizing the safety and lives of 1,000,000 New Yorkers with disabilities. The rampant abuse and neglect has only gotten worse because most sexual predators and abusers know they can practically do anything, with anyone, and get away with it.

Governor Cuomo took no emergency actions to immediately protect people with disabilities from being sexually assaulted or raped. Governor Cuomo failed to ensure that all sexual predators that rape our most vulnerable are held accountable following the award winning New York Times "Abused and Used" investigative reporting series that became a runner up for a Pulitzer Prize.

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/nyregion/abused-and-used-series-page.html>

The New York Times Editorial Board two and a half years later blasted Governor Cuomo for refusing to ensure the most basic actions were taken to protect the disabled from sexual assaults, rapes and all types of abuse or premature death. The New York Times Editorial is titled, "Protecting the Most Vulnerable".

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/10/opinion/protecting-the-most-vulnerable.html>

Here are a couple of extremely damning quotes from this Editorial;

"Two-and-a-half years ago, The Times reported horrifying abuse of people with developmental disabilities or mental illnesses by state employees, who were rarely punished for it. Gov. Andrew Cuomo promised action. But too little appears to have changed."

"There is much the governor could do. He could require surveillance cameras in these facilities, just as prisons have them. He could make sure that the police get more involved."

"This incredibly important NPR investigative reporting series must lead to major national reforms. The wide-scale discrimination against our most vulnerable citizen with disabilities must be stopped now. To deny this specific group of people with disabilities immediate 911 emergency first responder services and to deny them "equal protections of laws" is discrimination in civil rights. Other significant actions must include the installation of cameras in all facilities, group homes and transport vehicles, to dramatically reduce and prevent most of these sex crimes and rapes committed against vulnerable women and children. Sexual predators, [pedophiles](#) and rapists cannot continue to be protected and shielded from criminal prosecution. People with disabilities are currently without question being treated as lower class citizens, which cannot continue, we must protect our most vulnerable from being victimized and ensure those that harm them are swiftly arrested and prosecuted" – Michael Carey

Please also read this incredibly powerful NPR piece and listen to the audio as well further exposing this horrific and shameful epidemic.

NPR Investigation Finds Hidden Epidemic of Sexual Assault

<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/08/576428410/npr-investigation-finds-hidden-epidemic-of-sexual-assault>

Countless sexual predators, pedophiles and rapists within State run and private mental health facilities and group homes in New York State have been and continue to be protected and shielded from being prosecuted and from being placed on the sex abuse registry. The prosecution rate for crimes committed in the general public is between 60-70% and only a small fraction of 1% for the crimes committed against people with disabilities in Governor Andrew Cuomo's mental health care system.

The most dangerous people are individuals in positions of authority that choose to protect sexual predators over the safety of vulnerable women and children rape victims. For over ten years, from 2007 to present, Attorney General Cuomo and then Governor Andrew Cuomo have protected countless sexual predators, pedophiles and rapists within State run and private mental health facilities and group homes from being fired, from being prosecuted and from being placed on the sex abuse registry. This timeline proves years of Governor Andrew Cuomo's direct involvement.

<http://www.einpresswire.com/article/414428414/cuomo-has-been-protecting-sexual-predators-for-over-a-decade?n=2>

No longer can 911 call systems, local police and local courts be bypassed and these sex crimes covered-up. 911 call systems must be immediately called by all mandated reporters regarding all sexual assaults and rapes, as well as obviously all other assault crimes, medical emergencies and deaths.

Currently, in New York State, by the directive of Governor Andrew Cuomo, almost all reported sexual assaults and rapes of people with disabilities are internally reported to another one of his agencies and disappear; they are covered-up. These gross injustices must be stopped and all sexual predators, pedophiles and rapists taking advantage of our most vulnerable must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and finally placed on an international sex abuse registry that easily can be created. These are discrimination and civil rights matters similar to what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought against. People with disabilities are equally valuable members in society and can no longer be treated as lower class citizens, unworthy of being protected from sexual assaults and rape or treated as unworthy of immediate 911 emergency assistance and services.

Please do what God puts in your heart to do to help stop these atrocities and please donate to support this vital Civil Rights Movement. Thank you.

<http://jonathancareyfoundation.org/donate/>

If you have any tips or knowledge of sexual assaults, rapes, deaths or cover-ups please call the Jonathan Carey Foundation sexual abuse & death tip hotline @ (518) 475-7500

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