Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor should be limited to 200 words, but they can be as low as 150 words or as high as 300 words. Please refer to your local paper for more specifics. Remember to include your name, address, and daytime phone number so the newspaper staff can call to confirm your letter.

In Letters to the Editor, you also want to ensure you clearly state the problem, and the action you want to see taken.

Sample Letter:

In March, Idaho’s Attorney General’s Office charged John R. K Howard of Dietrich, Idaho, a white high school player who was accused of kicking a coat hanger into the rectum of a black high school football player with a disability with “forcible sexual penetration by use of a foreign object.” Last week, the Attorney General amended the charge to “felony injury to a child” and offered Howard an Alford plea, allowing the defendant to avoid personal accountability for his actions, and recommended three years of probation.

The Deputy Attorney General stated in court that the act itself was “not a sex crime.” I disagree. Sex crimes are about power and control. Howard had a pattern of power and control over the survivor - name calling and humping him. The Deputy Attorney General also stated that it “was not a racially motivated crime” even though there was a pattern of racial slurs and stated that it was a “vulnerable victim motivated crime.” The Deputy Attorney General went on to say “that probably would have happened to anyone that was in the same circumstances and same mental state as the victim here.” This statement shifts the responsibility away from the offender and normalizes violence against people with disabilities.

Accountability is part of love. We demand accountability from Idaho’s Attorney General through a public statement after Judge Stoker’s order banning the attorneys from talking to the press and a commitment from their office to learn about implicit bias on gender, race, and ability. We demand accountability from the Dietrich School District in undoing a culture of hate and violence. We look to Idaho’s community at large to change our culture of hate and ugliness. We choose acceptance. We choose all of us.

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