

under the existing legislation, reveal that one occasion alone is sufficient to put someone away indefinitely!

This is more than a potential injustice. It has happened.*

One conviction -- one isolated incident of 'gross indecency', 'indecent assault', etc.-- can result in an individual being sent away for the rest of his/her life.

In both the existing legislation on habitual criminals and the provisions in Bill C-83 on non-sexual violent offenders, a pattern of repetitive behaviour has to first be established before dangerous offender or habitual criminal status can be conferred.

There is no such requirement in the laws dealing with 'dangerous sexual offenders'. Determination of 'dangerous sexual offender' status can, rather, be made solely on the basis of the Court's interpretation of the vague terms from which this legislation suffers.

*See the case of Regina v. Kanester⁹ and the case of "Mr. B." as reported by the Canadian Committee on Corrections¹⁰. See also the judgement in the case of Regina v. Dawson¹¹.