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Without a government that understands justice demands putting the rights of victims first, Albertans will continue to be jaded about their legal system. With better reporting, stricter accountability, and more common sense, we know that Alberta can have a system that respects and empowers the victims of crimes.

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Albertans. Wildrose believes that government must do all it can to keep the most dangerous offenders monitored, and off our streets.

Albertans are also looking for creative ideas and solutions to prevent and reduce crime. Improved family law reforms, strong programs to eliminate child exploitation, and better support for legal aid will result in a system that works for those who need it most.

Whether it is prevention or correction, keeping Albertans safe should be job number one for any government.

POLICIES

STRONGER LAW ENFORCEMENT

- » *Increase the monitoring of violent offenders and mandate stricter enforcement of conditions of release. This will include expansion of the use of electronic monitoring of pedophiles and other dangerous offenders (GPS tracking)*
- » Create 5 dedicated Alberta Checkstop teams to aggressively police and prosecute individuals who are driving above the legal limit of .08 BAC
- » Strengthen the mandate and increase the resources of the Alberta Securities Commission and law enforcement to pursue white collar fraudsters and to return fraudulently obtained funds to the victims
- » Work with the federal government to end conditional sentences (house arrest) for serious violent offenses. Bail requirements for repeat and dangerous offenders must be tightened and the lack of mandatory minimum sentences for violent criminals leading to sometimes shamefully short sentences must be addressed
- » *Stop sexual predators and other dangerous offenders from changing their names*
- » Work with the Canada Revenue Agency and Border Services to ensure offenders face restrictions until their victims are repaid all punitive damages
- » Task a panel of legal experts to make recommendations on ways to expedite prosecutions against gang members and criminal organizations, while increasing

protection for Crown witnesses involved in such cases

- » Enhance strategic and financial support for Alberta Security and Strategic Intelligence Support Team (ASSIST) so they can better monitor and prevent terrorist and other attacks on Alberta
- » Introduce family law reforms that will ensure improved compliance with both maintenance and visitation orders
- » Target child abuse, child exploitation and child pornography by significantly increasing funding for our province's Integrated Child Exploitation (ICE) teams, and add resources to educate parents and guardians about keeping their children and teens safe online



ACCESS TO JUSTICE & EQUALITY

- » *Mandate the public reporting of key justice system indicators including the sentencing records of judges in criminal cases, criminal plea-bargains, and bail orders and violations*
- » Make timely access to Alberta's justice system more affordable for regular Albertans. Improve the rules of court, make self-representation easier and safer, elevate the role of legal agents, incent lawyers to do more pro bono work, and build and fund a more effective legal aid program
- » Strengthen Alberta's human rights legislation to protect the freedom of speech of all Albertans. This will include the repeal of section 3 in Alberta's current human

rights legislation. The Legislation will maintain the criminal code standard of banning speech that advocates for acts of violence or genocide against any individual or identifiable group



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- » *Protect the rights of victims by advocating for federal legislation that would see convicted criminals financially compensate the victims of their crimes without need of a costly civil trial*
- » Review the compensation that a spouse or dependent is entitled to under the Fatal Accidents Act, so that compensation payable by a wrongdoer is increased, and amend the Act to make a wrongdoer subject to punitive damages
- » Make it easier under FOIP for parents, guardians and those they authorize to access information concerning students-at-risk
- » Establish more treatment facilities and strengthen sentencing guidelines so individuals who are mentally ill, or who suffer from addictions, can serve their sentences in an environment that provides

them with treatment and connects them with social agencies in order to reduce reoffending

