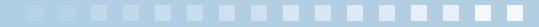
New Criminal Legislation

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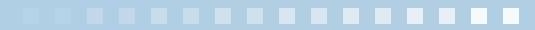
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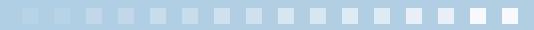
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PRIOR RECORD LEVEL

	I	II	ш	IV	v	VI
	0 Pts	1-4 Pts	5-8 Pts	9-14 Pts	15-18 Pts	19+ Pts
A	Death or Life Without Parole					
B1	A	A	A	A	A	A
	240-300	288-360	336-420	384-480	Life Without Parole	Life Without Parole
	192-240	230-288	269-336	307-384	346-433	384-450
	144-192	173-230	202-269	230-307	260-346	288-384
B2	A	A	A	A	A	A
	157-196	189-237	220-276	251-313	282-353	313-392
	125-157	151-189	176-220	201-251	225-282	251-513
	94-125	114-151	132-176	151-201	169-225	188-251
с	Α	A	A	A	A	A
	73-92	100-125	116-145	133-167	151-188	168-210
	58-73	80-100	93-116	107-135	121-151	135-168
	44-58	69-80	70-93	80-107	90-121	101-135
D	A	Α	A	A	A	Δ
	64-80	77-95	103-129	117-146	133-167	146-183
	51-64	61-77	82-165	94-117	107-133	117-146
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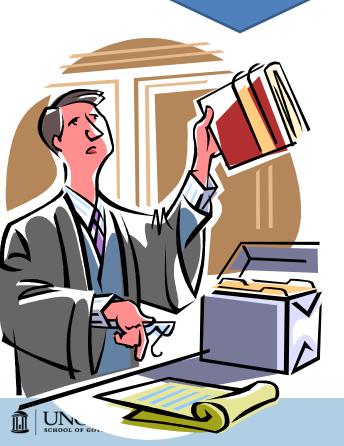


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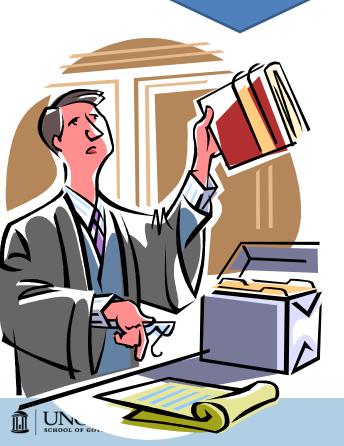


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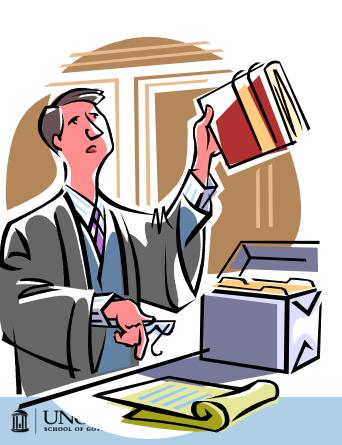




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 – Loss of rights





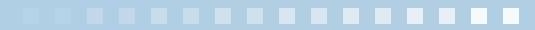
30-year registration





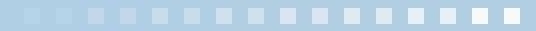
3-day time limit on changes in status





 New H felony for sex offender to be present on locations used by minors





(1) required to register as sex offender for a"covered crime"*

*rape, sex offense, sexual battery, & any offense where V < 16





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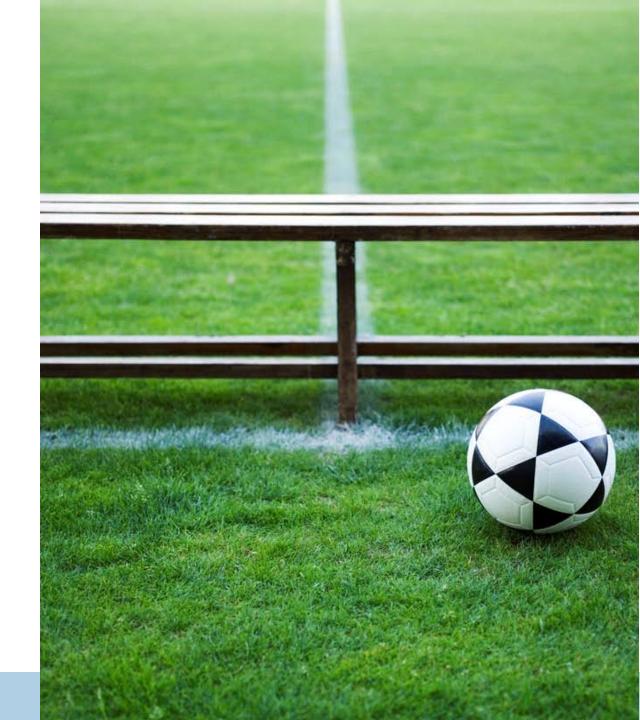
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 - (c) where minors gather for regularly scheduled programs

















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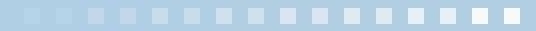
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 - -Undefined terms
 - -Limited exceptions





 Release on probation & post-release supervision violations





- Sexual exploitation of a minor (SL 2008-218 page 10)
 - Broader coverage
 - Increases punishment





- Solicitation of a Child by Computer to Commit an Unlawful Act
 - G felony if D or any other person for whom D was arranging the meeting appears





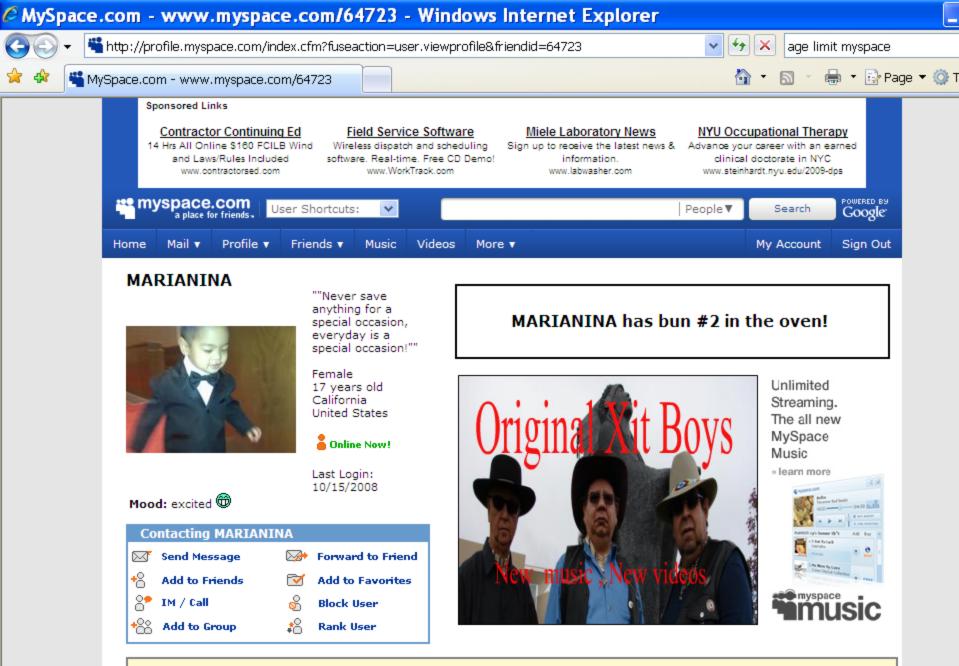
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- New felony for use of certain websites
 - (1) a registered as a sex offender
 - (2) accesses commercial social networking Web site
 - (3) knowing that the site permits minor children to be members or to create/maintain a web page on the site



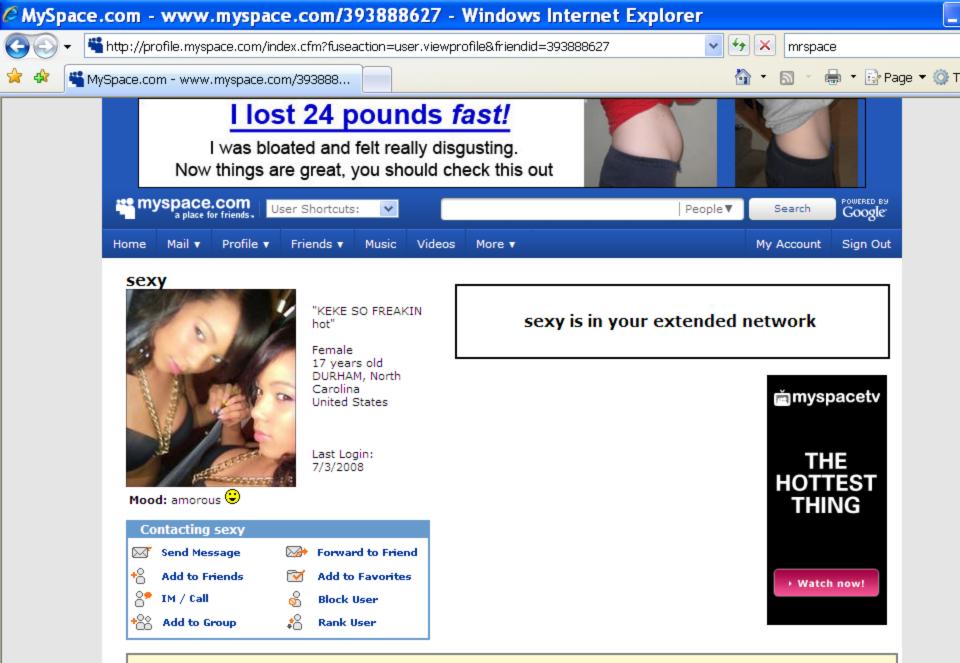


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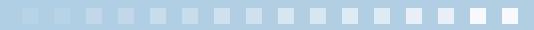
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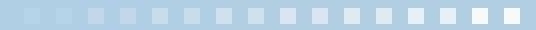
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 - -"Access"





Ban on name changes by sex offenders





 Additional crimes trigger registration (SL 2008-220 page 10)





Additional crimes trigger registration
 – Child Abuse-Prostitution





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- Additional reporting
 - Online identifier e.g. email address, chat name, IM screen name





• Just a warm up for 2009!





Gangs (SL 2008-214 pg. 9)





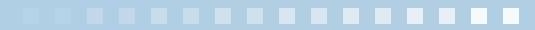
- New crimes
- Forfeiture
- Pretrial release





 New crime: Street gang activity Punishment: H felony





Elements

- (1) employed by/associated w/a "criminal street gang" &
- (2) (a) conducts/participates in a "pattern of criminal street gang activity" or

(b) acquires/maintains an interest in/control of any real/personal property through a "pattern of criminal street gang activity."



"Criminal street gang:"

- Ongoing group of 3 or more people that
- (1) One of its primary activities is the commission of felonies;
- (2) 3 or more members are or have been engaged in criminal street gang activity; &
- (3) may have a common name, common identifying sign or symbol



"Criminal street gang activity:"

-To commit, attempt to commit, or solicit, coerce, or intimidate another person to commit an act

-With the specific intent that such act be committed for the purpose, or in furtherance, of the person's involvement in a criminal street gang.



"Pattern of criminal street gang activity:"

-Engaging in & having a conviction for at least 2 prior incidents of related criminal street gang activity

-Priors have to fall within statutory time limits





Street Gang Activity -- Elements (again)

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Organizer -- Street Gang Activity (F felony)

(1) organizer, supervisor, manager of street gang activity

(2) conducts or participates in a pattern of criminal street gang activity

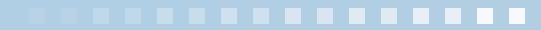




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-If person < 16, it's an F felony





• Other felonies:

-Threaten to injure someone/damage their property to deter withdrawal from a gang (H felony)

-Do the same to punish or retaliate for withdrawal from a gang (H felony)





• Other felonies:

-Discharging a firearm as part of a pattern of street gang activity (E felony)





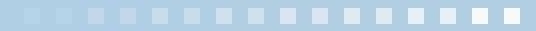
- Other ramifications:
 - "1 level higher" punishment enhancement for misds. done in connection w/street gang
 - -Seizure & forfeiture of property
 - -Real property: public nuisance/abatement
 - -Judge must indicate on judgment whether crime related to "street gang activity" (new 14-50.25)



• Other ramifications:

-Pretrial release – rebuttable presumption of no release





- Other twists:
 - -Provision for conditional discharge for first offenders under 18
 - Provision for expunction for offenders under 18
 New gang crimes don't apply to juveniles under 16





Other Action

-60-month firearm enhancement now applies to deadly weapons as well





Probation Violations SL 2008-129 (pg. 6)

New aggravating factor





Probation Violations SL 2008-129 (pg. 6)

 Extending, Modifying, Revoking after Period of Probation

(1) Before the expiration of the prob. period State filed a written violation report

(2) Court finds that violation occurred before probation expired

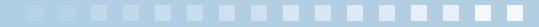
(3) Court finds good cause that probation should be extended, modified, or revoked AND

(4) If court extends probation, must stick to the maximum allowed under G.S. 15A-1342(a).



Domestic Violence





Domestic Violence

• Stalking SL 2008-167 (page 7)





Domestic Violence

- (1) Willfully
- (2) Without legal purpose
 - (a) Harasses a person on more than occasion, or
 - (b) Engages in a course of conduct directed at a person
- (3) Knowing that the harassment/conduct would cause
- (4) A reasonable person to

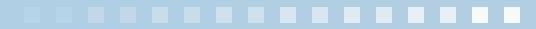
(a) Fear for their safety, the safety of their immediate family, or close personal associates, or
(b) Suffer substantial emotional distress by putting the person in fear of death, bodily injury, or continued harassment.



Domestic Violence

- Repeat Violation of Domestic Violence Protective Order
 - SL 2008-93 (page 5)





Child Abuse: SL 2008-191 (pg. 8)

- 3 categories of physical child abuse:
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Hate Crimes (SL 2008-197 pg. 8)

- Cross burning crime
 - Now covers public property
 - Increases punishment from Class I to H felony





Hate Crimes

- Placing exhibit to intimidate etc.; doing such an act while wearing hood, mask etc.
 - Exhibit includes noose
 - Increases punishment from Class I to H felony



Hate Crimes

• Committing a misd. because of prejudice

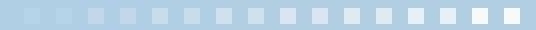




Property

Vandalism over \$5,000 a felony
 SL 2008-15 page 4





Property

• Theft of fixtures (SL 2008-128 pg. 6)



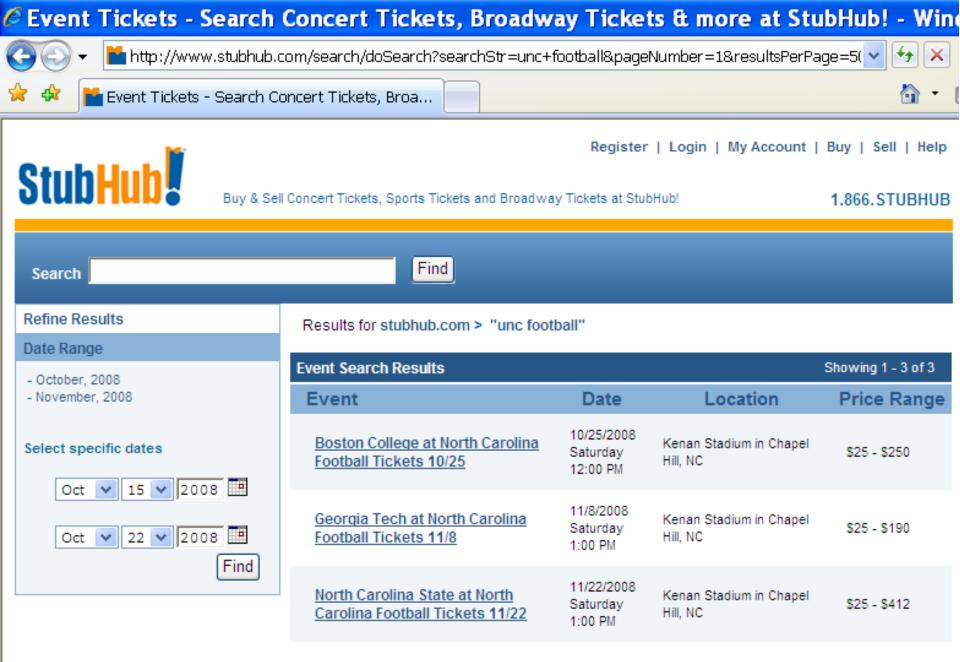


Computer Crimes

 Internet sales of tickets above face value SL 2008-158 (pg. 7)







SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

• SL 2008-120 (pg. 6)





Compensation for erroneous conviction (SL 2008-173 pg. 8)

- Increases cap on compensation
- Provides for lost educational or training opportunities



