Freedom
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Two men got out this week.

MSOP is a facility where everyone is serving an “indeterminate” (life) sentence, so that makes this week extraordinarily special for those of us who are left behind...

A.J. won his appeal which only took 1.5 years. The staff had a parade and walked him to the door. As a level 3 sex offender his name and picture will appear in the newspaper and on the evening news. Subject to Lifetime Conditional Release, for the first few years he’ll be under Intensive Supervised Release (ISR), confined to a halfway house and have to wear a GPS ankle bracelet. Buying a Playboy magazine or going on a date without permission is now against the law for him. He’ll have a curfew and will have to immediately register any new job, vehicle, address (including email) or even cell phone number or he’s guilty of “Failing to Register” which is a felony and he’ll be returned to prison. For the rest of his natural life he’ll eternally be looking over his shoulder...

Mr. Shannon died which only took 13 years. The staff locked us down while the ambulance wheeled his cold body out the door. His name and picture probably won’t ever appear in the newspaper obituaries because nobody really cares that another sex offender is dead. That’s why they put us here. To die. That’s why they give us “indeterminate” sentences. Last month a senior MSOP administrator had the audacity to admit to a sitting State Representative that MSOP was “effectively preventing crime by keeping the offenders locked up.” The courts ruled a long time ago that preventative detention violates the U.S. Constitution, State Law and basic Human Rights. Mr. Shannon never has to worry about those sorts of things or ever returning to this atrocity. For the rest of all of eternity he’ll be resting in peace...

Two men got out this week. One man is free.

Dedicated to MN Representative Steve Sandell in honor of James Shannon