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## Dying Man Suffers Public Humiliation as Direct Consequence of Overzealous County Sheriff Determined to Prevent His Final Wishes

**Albuquerque, NM / January 20, 2015**—Military veteran Greg Poston and his brother are dying of cancer. Their physician, Dr. Emily Vannorsdall, contacted the Dream Foundation about their dying wish, to see the Grand Canyon. At first the foundation was on board, and, with the help of the Veterans Service Commission, offered the trip to the brothers and their siblings.

The Dream Foundation is an organization headquartered in Santa Barbara, California, that grants dreams to adults with life-threatening diseases.

It was originally reported that after announcing the gift, the Dream Foundation received numerous phone calls from angry citizens informing them of Greg's status as a registered sex offender. The Dream Foundation subsequently announced that it had withdrawn the gift to Greg, stating, "'After speaking with members of this individual's community, and consulting with our legal counsel and board of directors, Dream Foundation does not believe it is appropriate to proceed in the fulfillment of this individual's dream.""

However, sources close to Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer have confirmed that his office was chiefly responsible for leaking Greg's status to Channel 22 WKEF, the local ABC affiliate in Dayton, and conspiring to puff Greg's registration as a legitimate reason to deny him the trip.

RSOL, Inc. demands to know who contacted WKEF and why. "I am outraged about all of this. The fact that the Dream Foundation first gave a gift to a dying veteran, then snatched it away, is bad enough," said Brenda Jones, Executive Director of RSOL, Inc.

"But the very idea that the sheriff's office, in collusion with Channel 22, may be behind the effort to gin up the public's obvious indignation is too much to swallow. When is enough, enough? Greg Poston had been tried, convicted, and punished for his crime. Justice was served. What's the point in humiliating a dying man?

"At this point, for Greg, there is not even the pretense of justice but only that of revenge, and it is an outrage that his last dream was held out to him and then snatched away due to the hatred and unforgiving heart of someone who is sworn to protect the public trust."

Both National and Ohio RSOL had initially written the Dream Foundation to protest its decision. RSOL, Inc. is a national organization that advocates for and encourages the successful rehabilitation and reintegration of former sex offenders into a law-abiding society.

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"We strongly object to continued consequences that amount to additional punishment after a registered citizen has satisfied his term of court-ordered punishment," said D. Madison, head of the Ohio affiliate. "We have lived for years now with the absurd consequences of basing legislation and policy on emotions and victim-driven reactions rather than facts and evidence, and studies show these consequences to be ineffective—indeed, often harmful—in improving public safety."