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'Good and decent' don't fit sex offender

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I was just reading the article about former Philadelphia police officer Anthony Dattilo, who will be sentenced in 90 days for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl. His defense attorney, Jack McMahon, is quoted as saying Dattilo is "... a good and decent man. This was a nonviolent offense." Since when is a 36-year-old man who sexually assaults a 14-year-old child a "good and decent man"?

According to the article, the child texted family members that she was being held against her will at the Lincoln Motel in Bensalem. Isn't this considered kidnapping? OK, maybe he didn't hit her, but as far as I'm concerned, this was a violent crime. How will this affect this child for the rest of her life?

When he's sentenced in 90 days, I hope he gets the maximum allowed. Your article also said he would be a registered sex offender under Megan's Law for at least 10 years. God help 14-year-old girls when he's no longer a registered sex offender. He needs to be on that list for the rest of his life.

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