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Hi.

If a perpetrator is already found guilty of sexual assault, rape or murder, how are character references applicable?

If witnesses honestly think they're an upstanding pillar of their community and the heinous crime was out of character, that should be further proof of how calculated the crime was.

Or the witness is outright lying. In court.

Thank you.  
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