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Character references should not be used to reduce sentences for convicted criminals of crimes against women and children.

I live in a small town where there are several abusers getting away with crimes due to their community involvement, volunteering, etc. They do this specifically to affect their image (especially with the police) and meanwhile women and children are getting abused.

This has to be changed.