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I honestly believe it's a no brainer.

When it comes to pedophiles or sexual predators, good character is a prerequisite to be able to put yourself in a situation where you are able to offend. Not only this, but when it comes to instances of sexual assault or harassment, stating that the perpetrator is a "good character" completely invalidates survivors experiences and is far more harmful (to a victim) than it is to an offender (the person actually in the wrong). Please, remove good character references.

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