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Good character references in sentencing have a place. But NOT in sexual assault, rape, sexual misconduct, etc cases.

People do make mistakes yes. A mistake being a split second decision.

An event such as a sexual assult that goes on for many minutes or hours is many 'mistakes'. A decision made over and over again when there was opportunity to stop. The nature of this type of crime should NOT take 'good character' into consideration, a person committing a crime of this nature at their core is not 'good'.

Do not allow good character references to be a part of what are mostly a reliable and honest legal proceedings.

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