



Fight the Attacks – Public Safety

Attack: Republican Dino Rossi and his friends are trying to attack Gov. Gregoire on crime.

Truth: Gov. Chris Gregoire is a tough-on-crime former attorney general and nobody has been tougher on sex offenders.

- 28 prosecutors, cops, sheriffs and law enforcement groups called Chris Gregoire the "best governor police, sheriffs, prosecutors and parents have ever had in the fight against sex offenders."
- Since 2005, sex offenders have faced harsher sentences, and the state has built more than 4,000 prison beds to keep criminals where they belong.
- Every sex offender in our state must submit DNA to the Washington State Patrol registry. Gov. Gregoire worked closely with law enforcement to design a GPS system to track sex offenders. Today, the worst sex offenders are fitted with GPS devices after their release from prison so law enforcement officers can track them.
- Gov. Gregoire provided \$5 million to send out local law enforcement to verify in person the locations of sex offenders.
- Sweeps like Operation Crackdown hunt down sex offenders who try to run. Operation Crackdown has led to the arrests of hundreds of criminals, many of whom were sex offenders. The penalty for failure to register was increased to be up to 10 years in prison.

Truth: Republican Dino Rossi has an abysmal record on public safety.

- He crafted the budget before Gov. Gregoire took office that cut millions in funding for the supervision of felons.
- More than 14,000 felons were released early from prison and state supervision as a result of his budget cuts and votes.
- He opposed funding a commitment center for sex offenders.