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I am responding regarding public submissions on the review of the laws governing juvenile offenders.

While the juvenile cannot be put in court, their parents can – parents can no longer be **NOT** be accountable for their children's actions.

For Example. – two children one 6 and one 10, came into my shop between 1 and 2 p.m. on a Monday and stole two bikes (the police took nearly two weeks to respond). The children were captured on security camera riding my bikes down the street. The police did catch them but told me because of their age, all they could do was give the children a lecture.

The bikes are gone – the children are laughing – the parents are laughing – I am down two bikes and to children are well on the way to being hardened criminals.

The law must involve the parents – if the parents had to make restitution and have a day in court – THINGS WOULD CHANGE.

While I do not expect to get my bikes back, I feel sorry for these children – they are headed for bigger things and their parents are not accountable. Making the parents accountable would improve society.

Police can only enforce the law – the present situation is hopeless.

Please pass my comments on to the Department of Attorney General and Justice who are conducting the review of the laws.

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