

Brainstorming with a friend, we discussed some possible reasons why more of Marvin Martin's victims haven't come forward to the authorities by now.

Including myself, we are seven (7) victims. But we know that there are plenty more out there. Probably dozens. Maybe fifty. More than fifty? Either way we know that, to the number, every darned one of us would like to see Marvin Martin answer for what he's done.

But there are barriers.

Some are holding back for someone else to come forward. Some because they don't want to have their name attached or because they don't want to bring up old feelings. All of this, even though they have far more than their names invested already — those old feelings are sitting right there in their laps where they've always been.

Others are more tenacious. We think that every day that there are Marvin Martin web pages standing to advocate his scholastic and theatrical achievements, is also a day that befalls salt in the lifelong wounds that he created for ourselves and other victims. We think that having this man walk free among all who know damn well what he did, is an injustice. It seems like everyone knew. And those who really know, or who went to school with them, ought to be telling the police and the newspaper what they know; regardless of the outcome.

Personally, I think that everyone with a story should flood Glencoe Public Safety with their information no matter whether they are going to do something about it or not. But alas, that's not going to happen because, what would be the point of putting one's self out there when we believe we will only be quashed by the boundaries of Illinois State Statute of Limitations laws?

But what if there were a path around the SOL?

- Last July, I spoke to a local FBI agent who told me [straight-up] that he could help me if only I had been taken across state lines when Martin assaulted me. If that had been so, he said, Martin would then be subject to Federal Human Trafficking charges. And those Federal charges would supersede Statute of Limitations. Period.

Again, we know of seven (7) victims. And to my understanding, (other than myself) every one of the remaining six (be it they were on the "NY trip" or the "Long, Western States Car Trip" or whatever) were all molested in motel rooms across Illinois state lines.

In theory, if there are fifty victims, and if up to six of every seven were indeed abused across state lines, Martin could ultimately be facing as many as 43 counts of Federal charges. None of which, that would be diminished by SOL.

Of course, statistically speaking, only a fraction of the 43 will come forward and some have surely passed away, so we'd be lucky to get as many as two. So if you're on the fence and waiting for someone else to come forward, please know that you can make a difference.

Five years ago, I told police what I know to be true about Martin. Then I found another who eventually led to three others. And then another. And then another.

Whenever it is that the next victim files a Police report, forward motion will resume. And when the FBI comes down, they'll come down hard and Martin will fall. There's no telling what they'll come up with in a full investigation of Marvin. And it doesn't matter to me so long as it sticks.

Remember: In the end, Al Capone was jailed for tax evasion.