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Former Lawmaker Sentenced to 33 Years for Sexually Exploiting Children. Democrat Fantasized About Raping Kids in Texts

Former New Hampshire state legislator Stacie Marie Laughton will go to prison for 33 years on child exploitation and pornography charges.

Stacie Marie Laughton — real name Barry — was the poster boy, or girl, for Democratic tolerance. He was the first “transgender” elected to a state legislature. That was 2012.

Now he’s going to federal prison because of the unspeakable crimes he committed. Laughton and his girlfriend, Lindsay Groves, sentenced for the same crimes on June 2, discussed raping kids under five years old at a daycare center where Groves worked.



AP Images
Stacie Laughton

Top Democrats — always on the lookout for a way to hurl a pie in the face of normal Americans — campaigned for Laughton on his first run for office. One of his backers was far-left Texas politician Robert Francis “Beto” O’Rourke. Another was former Representative Eric Swalwell of California. He was recently driven from office after women lodged credible accusations of rape.

"Everyone who learns about the conduct in this case should be outraged" - USA Foley !!

□ Former NH State Representative and MA daycare worker sentenced to decades in prison for child exploitation.

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— U.S. Attorney Massachusetts (@DMAnews1) [June 23, 2026](#)

The Crimes

A rather anodyne news release from the U.S. attorney for Massachusetts explained that “Groves took nude images of children at the daycare and sent the photos to Laughton, with whom she was previously in an intimate relationship” for 13 months, starting in May 2022:

Specifically, Groves used natural bathroom breaks for the children (routine diaper/pull-up changes prior to “naptime”) to take multiple photos of the prepubescent children in a private bathroom and then sent the photos to Laughton via text message at Laughton’s request.

Forensic review of Grove’s and Laughton’s cellphones revealed over 10,000 text messages



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between them during an approximate one-month period in 2023. These messages included discussion about, and transfer of, explicit photographs that Groves had taken of children while employed at Creative Minds — including at least four sexually explicit images of children who appear to be approximately three to five years old.

But that synopsis doesn't explain just how vile the Groves-Laughton child-rape conspiracy was.

□The first openly transgender person elected to a US state legislature has been sentenced to 33 years in prison for child sexual exploitation.

Stacie Marie Laughton's defense had argued for a lower sentence on the basis of his possible "retardation." <https://t.co/Ak4eMzwJk>

— REDUXX (@reduxx) [June 19, 2026](#)

As [The New American reported](#) when Laughton pleaded guilty in November, the text exchanges were beyond vile. They were demonic.

"I'm horny right now," Groves wrote to Laughton on June 7, 2023.

[Replied Laughton:](#)

I was asking because I know we've had some back-and-forth and I know we initially said we do nothing with kids ever again and you said you were afraid that if we had kids if they would go back and tell the parents the same with the kids you work with when I was trying to ask you do you seriously see no problem with sex with children like I had always wanted to put my d**k inside one of the little girls you work with, but you said they were too little and then you said I could so I don't know I know you're horny I'm trying to get clean and I already have the hot water running baby.

The text exchange continued, getting even more explicit. Laughton and Groves fantasized about raping the children. Man-lady Laughton told Groves to "photograph herself holding the p***s of a male child or putting her finger in a female."

Groves complied.

In an exchange on June 14, Laughton averred that "God never really condemns say different sexual lifestyles but what do you think? Do you think we still have a place in heaven? Do you think God would still be OK with me being a minister?"

Replied Groves:

Yes god is ok with it and we will still go to heaven and he thinks you be a great minister.

And those exchanges aren't the worst.

[Nashua cops collared](#) Laughton on June 20, 2023.

He and Groves [pleaded guilty](#) to three counts of sexually exploiting kids. Groves pleaded guilty to distributing child porn.



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O'Rourke and Swalwell

O'Rourke, the [failed presidential candidate](#) for U.S. Senate and [one-time burglar](#), backed Laughton. So did leftist Swalwell, the California congressman famous for ritual denunciations of President Donald Trump.

Swalwell is no stranger to rape accusations, as [The New American reported](#) in April when he quit his campaign for governor and resigned his seat in Congress. A former staffer accused Swalwell of raping her while she was intoxicated and "left her bruised and bleeding," [CNN reported](#).

A woman who met Swalwell online claimed the congressman kissed and touched her without her consent in a bar. A third, [Ally Sammarco](#), claimed that Swalwell sent nude photos to her.

The allegations are "flat false" and "absolutely false," Swalwell said in a video.

Wow. [@RepSwalwell](#) and [@BetoORourke](#) campaigned for Stacie Laughton- the nation's first transgender elected state rep who was arrested for child porn and child exploitation.

Worth noting that Stacie has a long criminal history dating back to before his 2022 campaign. pic.twitter.com/fRKskg3eht

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) [July 20, 2023](#)

Maybe, but even Democrats as obtuse as O'Rourke and Swalwell should have known Laughton was a potential embarrassment from Day 1.

As [Reduxx reported](#), after he became the first "transgender" elected to statewide office in 2023, he quit the office "when it was revealed that he had served four months in prison in 2008 on a felony conviction for identity and credit card fraud and falsifying physical evidence."

He tried to run again weeks later, but "officials barred him from holding public office as, according to state law, he had not completed his sentence," Reduxx continued:

After the sentence related to the 2008 conviction was exhausted, Laughton was allowed to run for office again in 2019. He was elected selectman in 2011, 2019, and 2021. He was also elected state representative in 2020.



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