Dear Reporter,

People in the news media frequently refer to people who have committed a sex offense as a “sex offender”. This comes across as a title given to them as though it is their job. It is not uncommon to read a statement in the media such as: John Doe, a sex offender, was killed in a car accident last night. Yet you will never read: John Doe, the armed robber, or John Doe, the domestic violence perpetrator, was killed in a car accident last night.

Why does the media do this when all research is showing a re-offense rate (committing another sex crime) is far lower for people on the sex offense registry than for any other crime, with the exception of murder?

Sincerely,