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**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ON THE RISE**

By John Lawson

The National Statistical Service (NSS) reports that the number of juvenile criminals has doubled in the last four years to 75,000 offenders. Commenting on the annual report, NSS chief Tony Klymenko said the results show a need for more police and surveillance, and tougher sentences. He also said that...

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ my opinion about John Lawson's article on juvenile delinquents, which I saw in yesterday's online newspaper.

I feel that Mr Klymenko's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for 'more police and surveillance, and tougher sentences' do not provide a real solution to juvenile delinquency. The way I see it, children today are victims of various (3) \_\_\_\_\_ problems. These problems include lack of parental guidance, poverty, violence in the home or at school, substance abuse and peer pressure. To my mind, these are the reasons for (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

To prevent it, we need to get to the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem. This involves improving the way children interact with their families and (6) \_\_\_\_\_. A community in which older members take a(n) (7) \_\_\_\_\_ interest in younger members and provide them with support and guidance is obviously better than one that merely (8) \_\_\_\_\_ them when they lose their way.

Thank you for giving me this (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to share my opinion. I look forward to reading other readers' (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of view.

Yours faithfully,

Judith Monroe

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