

## **When Children Commit Crimes**

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The article "Parents Convicted of Youth's Misconduct" tells us about a jury in Detroit that convicted the parents of a teenager who had committed a criminal misdemeanor for failing to control him. The Provenzinos, the parents convicted, were very surprised at the guilty verdict.

The question here is whether the parents should be held legally responsible for their children's crimes, or whether only the children should be.

According to the jury, the parents were punished because they had not been severe enough with their son, and they had allowed his behavior not only in the house but in the street, too. The article states that this is the first time that parents have been found guilty of a crime committed by their children.

In my opinion, there is no reason to blame the parents of this teenager for his crimes. These parents have other children and these children are not troublemakers, so this indicates that it is not entirely the parents' fault. No matter how good parents are, their children can create trouble.

Furthermore, saying that the parents are responsible for their children's actions will give other children the excuse they need to commit crimes, and give them a way out of dealing with their problems.

I think that it was a huge mistake to blame the Provenzinos for their son's crimes.

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