

**ROBERT CURLEY, Massachusetts  
Father of Jeffrey Curley,  
murdered in Massachusetts in  
1997**

Robert Curley's 10-year-old son Jeffrey was murdered by two men who stole his bike so they could lure him into their car with the promise of a new one. The two men convicted of the murder are serving prison sentences of life without the possibility of parole.

Robert Curley has been active in efforts to prevent sexual violence against children. He has testified before Massachusetts lawmakers against reinstatement of the death penalty, most recently in 2007.

“When Jeffrey was murdered, I wanted the men who killed him dead. I led the fight to reinstate the death penalty in Massachusetts in 1997. But time passes, and you start to see things differently. I started to see that there were people like me who had suffered the same loss that I had who were opposed to the death penalty, and it kind of made me take a step back and take a look at the death penalty itself. I learned more about the death penalty and some of the problems with it, and I changed my mind.”



*Robert Curley*



*Jeffrey Curley*