Effective supervision needed to avoid another Dugard case

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The tragedy of the Jaycee Lee Dugard kidnapping nearly 20 years ago isn't just that the young girl was stolen from her family in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., or that she was held captive for some 18 years, sexually assaulted and bore two children with her captor — as tragic as those were.

The tragedy is that law enforcement in California and Nevada had numerous opportunities to prevent and then end Dugard's terrible ordeal and failed.

Much of the blame rests with parole and probation officials in California, who inherited Phillip Garrido after he was released from prison in Nevada, where he was held for his conviction on sexual assault charges.

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