

Bonnie Hernandez Biography

Bonnie Hernandez is a mother to two daughters, a grandmother, and the daughter to a retired United States Marine. She is a former employee of a Fortune 500 company, an avid reader, and a returning citizen who served nearly 12 years in federal prison. Bonnie is also a survivor of sexual violence perpetrated by a Federal Bureau of Prisons officer during her time in custody. The now former BOP officer was convicted and sentenced for his criminal actions.

Bonnie was released from federal prison in May of 2024, two years early, thanks to compassionate release and new Sentencing Commission policy statement that allow survivors of sexual abuse to petition the sentencing court for a reduced sentence.

Bonnie earned her GED and attended Penn Valley Community College before her time in prison. While in custody, she taught a number of classes including: GED, behavioral health, and world history. She now resides in Lee's Summit, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City. While she tries to reacclimate to her community, she revels in the joy of playing with her grandson, caretaking for her mother, and spending time with her daughters. Bonnie is intent on advocating for survivors of sexual abuse in custody so that no one else has to suffer like she did.