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Community Notification: Level III Sex Offender

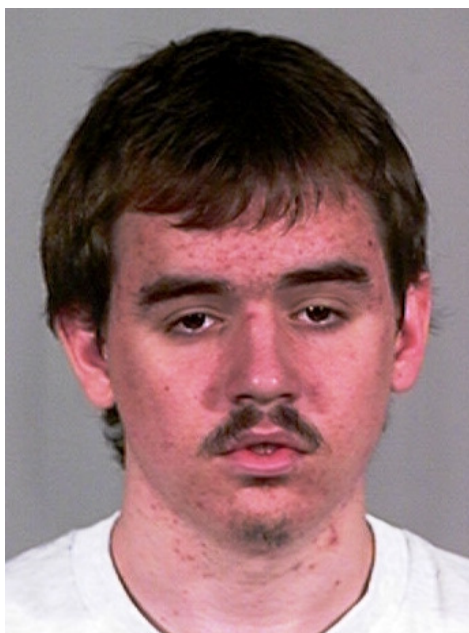
Port Orchard, Wash. – The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550, and a Washington State Supreme Court decision in *State vs. Ward*, regarding public notification of the anticipated residency of convicted sexual offenders.

"The person who is named in this advisory has been convicted of criminal offenses that require registration with the sheriff's office in the county of residence," said Sheriff Steve Boyer. "Further, his previous criminal history places him in a classification level that reflects the *potential* to re-offend."

Name: Ajay Morrice Dufault, white male, age 19.

Residence location: Dufault has registered with Kitsap County Sheriff's Office as a level III sex offender, residing in the 1200 block of Baby Doll Road SE, South Kitsap.

Description: 5' 11" ht., 200 lbs. wt., hair: brown, eyes: brown



Ajay Morrice Dufault

Date of photograph: 10/10/2007

Criminal history: According to court documents Dufault was convicted in November 2004 of attempted child molestation, 1st degree and of assault, 4th degree. In April 2006 Dufault was again convicted of attempted child molestation, 1st degree. Dufault has admitted to sexually abusing other male and female juveniles.

Dufault is enrolled in treatment.

Community meeting: A community notification meeting concerning the residency of Dufault is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the Kitsap Room of the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Road, Port Orchard.

This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, an informed public is a safer public.

The Sheriff's Office has no legal authority to direct where a registered sex offender may or may not reside. Unless court-ordered restrictions exist, registered offenders are constitutionally free to live wherever they choose.

Sexual offenders have always lived within our communities. It wasn't until passage of legislation entitled the "Community Protection Act of 1990," which mandates sex offender registration, that civil authorities even knew where they were living.

Abuse of information provided through the sex offender notification process, in order to intimidate, harass or threaten registered offenders, will result in an investigation and the filing of criminal charges against the perpetrators. Such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to conduct community notifications. The only person who 'wins,' if community notification is halted, is the registered sex offender, as sexual offenders derive their power through secrecy.

As of Sept. 9 there are 20,297 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in the State of Washington. Of this number, 527 are living in locations within the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County, while 253 offenders are living within the limits of incorporated municipalities in the county and 89 are incarcerated in jail or with the state department of corrections, and 17 are transient.

The Sheriff's Community Resource Officer, Deputy Pete Ball, is available to assist communities in establishing block or neighborhood watch programs and to provide the public with information on personal safety. He may be contacted at (360) 337-7074.

For further information on registered sex offenders in Kitsap County, please contact Detective Doug Dillard at (360) 337-5617.

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