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## Community Notification: Level III Sex Offenders

### One is wanted; two have changes of residence

**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 three persons who are named in this advisory have been convicted of criminal offenses that require registration with the Sheriff's Office in the county of their residence. Further, their previous criminal history places them in a classification level that reflects the *potential* to re-offend.

**(1) Name: Alvin James Turner**, black male, age 40.

**Wanted for failure to register as a convicted sex offender.** Probable cause exists for Turner's arrest. An arrest warrant is pending.

**Residence location:** Turner is a transient, with no fixed address. He is known to frequent a residence in Navy Yard City, Bremerton. Since he has no permanent address, Turner is required to check-in with the Sheriff's Office once per week. He has failed to check-in with the Sheriff's Office as well as with his community corrections officer.

**Description:** 5' 05" ht., 185 lbs. wt., black-colored hair and brown-colored eyes.

**Criminal history:** According to court documents Turner was convicted in 1984 for statutory rape, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, when he was sexually involved with an underage female. In 1999 Turner was convicted of rape of a child, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, when he provided alcohol to an underage female and had sexual intercourse with her after she fell asleep. Turner has a lengthy criminal history involving burglary, theft, assaults, unlawful possession of a firearm and driver's license offenses.

Turner never participated in any type of sexual deviancy treatment while incarcerated. He is considered a high risk to re-offend.



**Alvin James Turner**

**Date of photograph: 05/19/2005**

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**(2) Name: Vernon Hugh Haynen**, white male, age 37.

**Residence location:** Haynen was previously listed as a transient, with no fixed address. He now has an approved address in the 12000 block of Glenwood Road SW, South Kitsap.

**Description:** 5' 07" ht., 165 lbs. wt., blond-colored hair and brown-colored eyes and a mole on his right cheek.

**Criminal history:** Haynen was released from imprisonment in the state penitentiary after serving more than five years for a conviction of statutory rape, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and indecent liberties. The offenses were committed in Enumclaw during the summer months of 1988. The victim, a girl aged 42 months, lived in the same apartment complex as Haynen. The crimes were accomplished by leading the child into a wooded area adjacent to the apartments and behind a nearby gymnasium. Haynen was often seen in the apartment complex attempting to befriend neighborhood children.

Haynen is a convicted sex offender who has refused deviancy treatment. He is considered to be a high risk to re-offend.

**Community meeting:** A community notification meeting regarding Haynen will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Kitsap Room of the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Avenue, Port Orchard.



**Vernon Hugh Haynen**

**Date of photograph: 06/06/2005**

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**(3) Name: Darby Lee Potter**, white male, age 30.

**Residence location:** Potter previously resided inside the Bremerton city limits. He now has an approved address in the 8600 block of State Highway 303 NE, East Bremerton.

**Criminal history:** According to court documents, Potter was convicted in 1991 for child molestation, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, when he molested a three year-old girl while she was in his care. In 1999 Potter was convicted of child molestation, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, when he had sexual relations with a 13 year-old female neighbor. Potter participated and completed a sex offender treatment program while incarcerated, however he apparently made minimal progress and blamed others for his behavior.

**Community meeting:** A community meeting regarding Potter will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the Sheriff's Training Center classroom, Kitsap County Fairgrounds Events Center, 1195 NW Fairgrounds Road (lower level, rear of building), East Bremerton.



**Darby Lee Potter**

**Date of photograph: 10/01/2005**

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 law enforcement 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 this date there are 18,880 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in Washington State. Of this number, 459 are registered with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and are living at addresses in the unincorporated areas of the county, while 205 are registered to addresses within the limits of the four city municipalities.

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 Alvin Turner, Vernon Haynen or Darby Potter, please contact Detective Steve Duckworth at (360) 337-5669.

For information about registered sex offenders within Kitsap County, contact Detective Doug Dillard at (360) 337-5617.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.

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