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Community Notification: Level III Sex Offenders

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 two 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 residence,” said Sheriff Steve Boyer. “Further, their previous criminal histories place them in a classification level that reflects the *potential* to re-offend.”

(1) Name: Christopher Wayne Groves, white male, age 29.

Residence location: Groves has registered with the sheriff’s office as residing in the 2800 block of Aegean Court NE, East Bremerton.

Description: 6’ 01” ht., 215 lbs. wt., brown-colored hair and hazel-colored eyes.



Christopher Wayne Groves

date of photograph: 04/26/2007

Criminal history: According to court documents, Groves was convicted in 2001 of unlawful possession of a firearm and residential burglary. In 1997, Groves was convicted of child molestation, 3rd degree. In 2000 he violated his probation restrictions by having contact with underage females and he was again incarcerated. Groves has an extensive criminal history which includes prior convictions for theft, assault, possession of stolen property, vehicle theft criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

Community meeting: A community notification meeting concerning the residency of Groves is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, at Esquire Hills Elementary School, 2650 NE John Carlson Road, East Bremerton.

(2) Name: James Donald Border Jr., white male, age 31.

Residence location: Border has registered with the sheriff's office as residing in the 2700 block of SE Sedgwick Road, South Kitsap.

Description: 6' 04" ht., 205 lbs. wt., brown-colored hair and hazel-colored eyes.



James Donald Border Jr.

date of photograph: 04/30/2008

Criminal history: According to court documents, in July 2003 Border pled guilty to two counts of sexual misconduct with a minor, 1st degree. At the time of the offenses Border was a restaurant manager where he sexually assaulted two female employees.

Border did not participate in sex offender treatment during his time in prison, as he denied his offenses stating that the sexual contact was consensual. Border has no other criminal history and received no infractions while in custody.

Community meeting: A community notification meeting concerning the residency of Border is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, at Hidden Creek Elementary School, 5455 Converse Road SE, South Kitsap.

Additional information: As of June 12, there are 20,193 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in Washington State. Of this number, 492 are registered with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and live at addresses within the unincorporated areas of the county. There are 230 registered sex offenders who reside at addresses within the city limits of incorporated municipalities, and 91 are in jail or prison.

The sex offenders listed above have served the sentences imposed on them by the courts. They have advised the Sheriff's Office that they will be living within Kitsap County. These persons are not wanted by law enforcement at this time. 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, these 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.

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 within Kitsap County, contact Detective Doug Dillard at (360) 337-5617. Concerned residents are urged to attend the community notification meetings.

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