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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: Kenneth Ronald Dewey, white male, age 53.

Residence location: Dewey is scheduled to be released from prison on Thursday, April 9. Dewey has notified the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office that he intends to reside in the 500 block of NE Walker Road in Central Kitsap.

Description: 5' 10" ht., 156 lbs. wt., hair: brown, eyes: blue

Criminal history: According to court documents Dewey was convicted of rape, 3rd degree, in 1996, after sexually assaulting a woman while on their first date. He was sentenced to life in prison, without parole, due to this conviction being his third violent offense (third strike).

The case was appealed in 1999 and his conviction was changed to assault, 3rd degree with sexual motivation, stalking and perjury. He was re-sentenced to 210 months incarceration.

Dewey was convicted of rape, 3rd degree in 1993 and again convicted of rape, 3rd degree in 1994 for raping two other female victims.

While incarcerated Dewey refused to participate in sex offender treatment and received several infractions for sexual harassment and indecent exposure.

Community meeting: There will be a community notification meeting, concerning Dewey, at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in the Poplar Room of the Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way NW, in Silverdale.



Kenneth Ronald Dewey

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 March 24, 2009 there are 20,195 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in the State of Washington. Of this number, 402 are living in locations within the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County, while 249 offenders are living within the limits of incorporated municipalities in the county; 92 are incarcerated in jail or with the state department of corrections and nine 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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