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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: Kevin Randall Hewson, white male, age 51.

Residence location: Hewson is presently incarcerated within the Washington State Department of Corrections. He is scheduled to be released from prison on Monday, Oct. 11, 2010. He has provided a post-release residential address in the 6000 block of NE Prospect Street, Suquamish.

Description: 5' 07" ht., 195 lbs. wt., brown-colored hair and blue-colored eyes.

Community meeting: There will be a community notification meeting concerning Hewson at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13, in the Council Chambers of the Suquamish Tribe, 18480 Suquamish Way NE, in Suquamish.

Criminal history: According to court documents, when Hewson was age 18 he attacked and sexually molested a 14 year-old girl not known to him. He was charged with indecent liberties and received a suspended sentence and five years probation.

He absconded from probation supervision, fled to California and was arrested by authorities there on narcotics charges. He served incarceration time in California and was then extradited back to Washington.

In 1986 he was allowed to return to California for probation supervision. Less than three weeks after returning he sexually assaulted a 14 year-old girl, who was not known to him, in a junior high school restroom. Hewson was sentenced to prison for assault with intent to commit rape. In 1990 he was paroled from prison and was returned to Washington. Hewson has been incarcerated ever since his return. He has participated in sex offender treatment.



Kevin Randall Hewson

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 this date, there are 20,433 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in the State of Washington. Of this number, 535 are living in locations within the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County, to include 11 transients, while 256 offenders are living within the limits of incorporated municipalities in the county and 104 are in jail or prison.

The sheriff's community resource officer, Deputy Schon Montague, 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) 692-7746.

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

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