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## News

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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 a convicted sexual offender.

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

**Name:** Johnathon Anthony Soto, white male, age 28.

**Residence location:** Soto has registered with the sheriff's office that he will be residing in the 11300 block of Central Valley Road NE, Poulsbo.

**A community notification meeting concerning Soto will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, in the Eagle's Nest building at Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1195 NE Fairgrounds Road, East Bremerton.**

**Description:**

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 210 lbs.

Hair: brown

Eyes: hazel



**Johnathon Anthony Soto**

**Criminal history:** In 2008, Johnathon Soto was age 17 when he was convicted of rape of a child, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. He had sexually assaulted at 13-year-old girl who was known to him. He also has two convictions for assault, 4<sup>th</sup> degree with sexual motivation, in 2002 and 2005. Additional conviction history includes harassment, assaults, drug possession, failure to register as a sex offender, forgery, trespassing, malicious mischief and resisting arrest. Soto was not screened for sex offender treatment during his last incarceration. He had declined to participate in treatment during his previous incarcerations.

**Additional information:** As of Feb. 25, there are 22,267 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in Washington state. Of this number, 813 are registered with Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

Johnathon Soto has served the sentences imposed on him by the courts. He has advised the sheriff's office that he will be living within Kitsap County. This person is 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 registered sex offenders may or may not reside. Unless court-ordered restrictions exist, registered sex offenders are constitutionally free to live wherever they choose. Passage of legislation entitled the "Community Protection Act of 1990," mandates sex offender registration which, in turn, has provided civil authorities the means to monitor where sex offenders reside.

Abuse of information provided through the sex offender notification process, to intimidate, harass or threaten registered offenders, will result in an investigation and the filing of criminal charges against the perpetrators.

**Neighborhood Watch:** 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 via e-mail at: [smontagu@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:smontagu@co.kitsap.wa.us)

For further information on registered sex offenders within Kitsap County, contact Detective Eric Adams at (360) 337-4998.

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