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## - Media Release -

### Level Three Sex Offender Recaptured

**Port Orchard, Wash. --** A wanted sex offender is now back in custody awaiting return to Kitsap County.

Franklin Delano Roe, age 67, a Level III sex offender, was arrested by U. S. Customs Service Agents at Orlando International Airport, Orlando, Fla., at approximately 8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 28, after arriving in the country on a flight from Germany.

Roe had been on the run since Aug. 21, 2003, after a warrant of arrest was issued out of Kitsap County Superior Court for his failure to register as a sex offender. Other arrest warrants for Roe were outstanding from Washington State Department of Corrections. Roe's last known address was in the 1900 block of Lincoln Avenue, Port Orchard.

Sheriff's detectives are working with Florida officials to have Roe extradited back to Washington.

#### Background:

July 2001: Roe was convicted in Kitsap County Superior Court of two counts of sexually molesting three juvenile victims, ages 9, 14 and 16.

Oct. 2002: Roe was released from incarceration and he registered with Kitsap County Sheriff's Office as a convicted sex offender.

Note: Roe has been listed as a Level III sex offender because he denies his convicted offense; he has a history of crimes with minors, and he has groomed his victims extensively before violating them. Level III is the category deemed by state officials as most likely to re-offend. Because Roe denied his offenses, he couldn't participate in sex offender treatment programs while he was in prison.

November 2002: Warrants of arrest were issued for Roe after he moved out-of-state without permission. It was later learned that he provided a fictitious address in Ohio.

May 2003: Roe was located living in Maui, Hawaii. He was arrested on warrants for escape and for failure to register as a sex offender. Roe was placed in Washington Correctional Center, Shelton.

July 1, 2003: Roe was released from WCC Shelton and he re-registered as a sex offender with Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. Initially he listed himself as a transient. On July 7 he provided an apartment address on Lincoln Avenue in Port Orchard as his place of residence.

July 29, 2003: Roe failed to show for a mandatory polygraph examination with his Community Correction Officer.

July 30, 2003: A welfare check of Roe's residence was conducted by a Sheriff's detective and Roe's Community Correction Officer. Roe was not at the apartment.

August 2003: Numerous attempts to contact Roe were made by both Sheriff's detectives and officers from the Washington State Department of Corrections, with negative results.

Aug. 21, 2003: Kitsap County warrant of arrest issued. Department of Corrections warrants of arrest were already outstanding.

Washington State Department of Corrections supervises registered sex offenders for a period of time following their release from incarceration. Sex offenders are required to register with the local law enforcement agency where they reside, however law enforcement officials cannot prevent a sex offender's placement.

Concerned citizens may contact Sheriff's Det. Lori Blankenship or Det. Steve Duckworth with questions concerning the Sheriff's Office sex offender registration program, telephone (360) 337-7101.

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