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## Media Advisory

### **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 four 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 their residence. Further, their previous criminal history places them in a classification level that reflects the *potential* to re-offend.

A community notification meeting, concerning the residency of these Level III sex offenders, is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Avenue, Port Orchard. Detectives from the Sheriff's Office and officers from Bremerton Police Department will be available to discuss the program and to answer questions.

**(1) Name: Donald Lavern Fawver**, white male, age 49.

**Residence location:** Fawver is scheduled to be released from imprisonment on Jan. 28. He has an approved residence in the 4000 block of West Frone Drive, Gorst area, South Kitsap.  
**Description:** 6' 00" ht., 160 lbs. wt., brown-colored hair and brown-colored eyes. He has two small scars on his left knee.

**Criminal history:** Fawver pleaded guilty to arson, 1<sup>st</sup> degree; he is scheduled to be released from incarceration for this offense on Jan. 28, 2004. Fawver was convicted of rape of a child, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, in September 1989, and was sentenced to six months confinement and 12 months community supervision. During the time period of June – August 1985, Fawver sexually abused an eight year-old family member, on almost a daily basis, and other young neighborhood girls. He was convicted of indecent liberties in 1986 and, as a result, Fawver received a Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative where it was mandated that he undergo outpatient sex offender treatment.

Fawver has criminal convictions for drug-related offenses, domestic violence, possession of stolen property, theft, assault, driving offenses and solicitation of a prostitute.

Fawver has been categorized as a Level III sex offender since he has failed to complete the required sex offender treatment program.

(2) Name: **Vernon Hugh Haynen**, white male, age 35.

Residence location: Transient at this time; no permanent address. Haynen is known to frequent the City of Bremerton.

Description: 5' 07" ht., 150 lbs. wt., blond-colored hair, blue-colored eyes and a mole on his right cheek.

Criminal history: Haynen was released from imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, after serving five years, eight months for a conviction of statutory rape, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and indecent liberties. The offenses were committed in Enumclaw during the months of June and July 1988. The victim, a girl aged 42 months, lived in the same apartment complex as Haynen. The crimes were accomplished by leading the child into a wooded area adjacent to the apartments and behind a nearby gymnasium. Haynen was often seen in the apartment complex attempting to befriend neighborhood children.

Haynen is a convicted sex offender who has refused deviancy treatment. He is considered to be a very high risk to re-offend. As a transient, Haynen is required to check-in with the Sheriff's Office once per week.

(3) Name: **Wayne Joseph Robertson**, white male, age 44.

Residence location: Robertson will be residing in the 15000 block of Fairview Lane, SW, South Kitsap.

Description: 6'00" ht., 335 lbs. wt., brown & gray-colored hair (balding) with hazel-colored eyes.

Criminal history: Robertson was convicted of attempted rape, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and kidnapping, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, in 1978. He was committed into the sexual psychopath program at Western State Hospital. He escaped from the hospital in 1980. While in an escaped status, he was arrested and convicted of rape, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, for an assault upon an off-duty Pierce County Sheriff's deputy. Robertson was incarcerated in prison in 1981 and released in 1988. In 1993 he was convicted of indecent exposure and jailed from May 1993 – January 1994. During that same year the Washington State Department of Corrections put forth the motion that Robertson should be considered a predatory sexual offender. Robertson left Washington in 1997. He has now returned and is residing in Kitsap County.

(4) Name: **Kenneth Alan Sturtevant**, white male, age 39.

Residence location: Transient at this time; no permanent address. Sturtevant also is known to frequent the City of Bremerton.

Description: 6'02" ht., 200 lbs. wt., brown-colored hair, blue-colored eyes.

Criminal history: Sturtevant was convicted in 1987 of attempted rape, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, when he attempted to sexually assault an adult female inside a men's restroom at a local college. Sturtevant threatened to use a knife on her if she didn't cooperate. Another person entered the restroom and intervened, preventing the woman from being raped. Sturtevant was convicted of lewd conduct, in 2000, after exposing himself to two female victims on a college campus. In October of last year, Sturtevant was convicted of lewd conduct, again,

when he approached an adult female and presented her with a sexually explicit note after she had observed him engaged in obscene behavior in a local park.

Sturtevant has previous criminal convictions for drug-related offenses, burglary, criminal trespassing, obstruction of justice, resisting arrest and failure to register as a sex offender. As a transient, Sturtevant is required to check-in with the Sheriff's Office once per week.

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 Steve Duckworth, at (360) 337-5669. Concerned residents are urged to attend the community notification meeting at Givens Community Center. Since two of the Level III sex offenders, Haynen and Sturtevant, are known to frequently visit the City of Bremerton, officers from Bremerton Police Department will be available at the meeting to answer questions.

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