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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 who is named in this advisory has 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.

Name: Michael Allen Leo Wilkinson, white male, age 24.

Residence location: Wilkinson will be residing within the county as a transient, with no permanent residence. He has indicated that he will be staying in various Bremerton area motels.

Description: 6' 03" ht., 190 lbs. wt., red-colored hair and blue-colored eyes.

Criminal history: Wilkinson was convicted of three counts of communication with a minor for immoral purposes in October 2004. The victims were known to him. Further, he was convicted of robbery, 2nd degree, in March, after he entered the locker room of a local area pool and robbed five juveniles at knifepoint.

While in custody, most recently, Wilkinson admitted to having several sexual relationships with juvenile males between the ages of 10 to 17, however their identities are unknown. He was also convicted of theft in 2001 and 2003.

Community meeting: No community notification meeting is scheduled as Wilkinson does not have an approved residence. Wilkinson is required to check-in, daily, with his community corrections officer. As a transient registered sex offender, Wilkinson is required to check-in with the Sheriff's Office once per week.

Further information: As of April 6, there are 17,899 sex offenders who have registered as required (since Feb. 28, 1990) and are living in Washington State. Of this number, 435 are registered with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and live at addresses within the unincorporated areas of the county. There are 135 registered sex offenders who reside at addresses within the city limits of incorporated municipalities.

The sex offender listed above has served the sentence 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 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 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.

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