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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: Ronald Lee Brown, white male, age 40.

Aliases: "Shorty," Bob Brown, Shorty Brown, Cray S. Spencer.

Temporary residence location: 9000 block of NE Shore Drive, Indianola, North Kitsap. Brown is expected to reside at this location until Monday, 11/07/2005. He has an approved residence address in Everett, Snohomish County. According to the Washington State Department of Corrections, Brown will reside at the NE Shore Drive address temporarily and then relocate to Everett.

Description: 5' 04" ht., 150 lbs. wt., blond-colored hair and blue-colored eyes.

Criminal history: Brown was released from the Olympic Corrections Center, Forks, WA, on Monday, 10/31/2005. Brown was incarcerated following a 2001 King County conviction for burglary, 2nd degree, and for failure to register as a sex offender.

On July 10, 1986, Brown was convicted of 1st degree rape / 1st degree burglary / 1st degree robbery / 2nd degree theft (2 counts) and being a felon in possession of a firearm. On May 14, 1986, Brown burglarized a private residence and sexually assaulted a 17 year-old female resident at gunpoint when she returned home from school during the commission of the burglary. He fled the scene in the victim's car. Brown was sentenced to 222 months for these offenses and was released from prison on Nov. 11, 1999.

Criminal history (continued): Brown has previous criminal convictions as follows:

Aug. 1976: residential burglary
Sept. 1976: attempted burglary
March 1977: residential burglary
Oct. 1978: attempted burglary
Dec. 1979: 2nd degree burglary & possession of stolen property, 2nd degree
Nov. 1980: 2nd degree burglary (2 counts)
March 1981: escape from custody & 2nd degree burglary
Sept. 1981: motor vehicle theft
Oct. 1983: possession of marijuana
Jan. 1984: 2nd degree robbery
April 2000: DUI

Community meeting: No community notification meeting is scheduled as Brown will be residing in Indianola temporarily for one week.

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 residing within Snohomish County and temporarily visiting 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.

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.



Ronald Lee Brown

Date of photograph: 10/05/2005

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