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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 convicted sexual offenders.

The person who is named in this advisory has been convicted of criminal offenses that require registration with the Sheriff's Office in his county of residence. Further, his previous criminal history places him in a classification level that reflects the *potential* to re-offend.

**Name:** James Patrick Jacobs, white male, age 58.

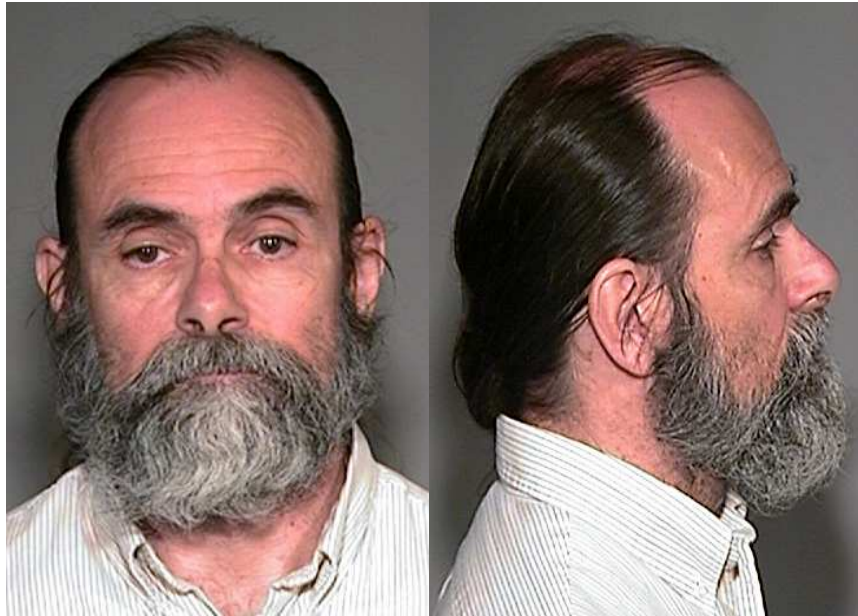
**Residence location:** Jacobs is a transient, with no fixed address. He was released from incarceration with the Washington State Department of Corrections, on his maximum release date of Thursday, April 6, 2006, after being in prison since April 1995. Since Jacobs has no permanent address, he is required to check-in with the Sheriff's Office once per week.

**Description:** 6' 02" ht., 190 lbs. wt., brown-colored hair and brown-colored eyes.

**Criminal history:** According to court documents, Jacobs was convicted in 1989 for child molestation, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, after he molested an underage girl known to him. He was sentenced to 14 months and released from incarceration in 1990.

In 1995, Jacobs was convicted of rape of a child, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, after he sexually assaulted a female juvenile known to him through the church he attended at the time. Investigative reports indicate that Jacobs had told the victim that he would kill her if she told anyone.

Records also indicate that while employed at a hospital in Oregon, he was fired for allegedly fondling a female patient. Due to his denial of his current offense, Jacobs was found to be non-amenable for the sex offender treatment program.



**James Patrick Jacobs**

**Date of photograph: 04/07/2006**

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 civil authorities 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.

As of this date, there are 19,086 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in the State of Washington. Of this number, 457 are living in locations within the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County, while 233 offenders are living within the limits of incorporated municipalities in the county.

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 in Kitsap County, please contact Detective Doug Dillard at (360) 337-5617.

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