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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 the county of residence. Further, his previous criminal history places him in a classification level that reflects the *potential* to re-offend.

Name: Robert Curtis Brueger, white male, age 32.

Residence location: Brueger will be residing in Kitsap County as a transient with no fixed address. As a transient, Brueger is required to check-in with the Sheriff's Office once per week.

Description: 5' 10" ht., 250 lbs. wt., brown-colored hair and brown-colored eyes.

Criminal history: According to court documents, Brueger was convicted in 1990 of 1st degree child rape and two counts of 1st degree child molestation.

When Brueger was age 15 he raped his six year-old half-sister and sexually molested an 11 year-old boy.

He was convicted of indecent exposure in 1995 after following two women to their vehicle and exposing himself to them. He also attempted to forcefully gain access to the interior of the vehicle as the women drove away.

Brueger has admitted to sexually molesting an 11 year-old girl and a handicapped adult woman.

He has been evaluated as a high risk to re-offend.



Robert Curtis Brueger

Date of photograph: 10/08/2004

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 19,753 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in the State of Washington. Of this number, 503 are living in locations within the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County, while 214 offenders are living within the limits of incorporated municipalities in the county:

Bainbridge Island: 8

Bremerton: 172

Port Orchard: 24

Poulsbo: 10

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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