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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:** Chad Michael Rock, white male, age 34.

**Residence location:** Rock will be temporarily residing in Kitsap County in the 27000 block of Ohio Avenue NE, Kingston, from Monday, Aug. 13 – Friday, Aug. 17, 2007.

Rock is currently registered with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department as a level III sex offender. He resides in Tacoma, but will be employed in South Kitsap.

**Description:** 5' 10" ht., 180 lbs. wt., brown-colored hair and hazel-colored eyes.

**Criminal history:** According to court documents, Rock was convicted of rape of a child, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, in April 1998 and child molestation, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, in March 2004.



**Chad Michael Rock**  
Date of photograph: Jan. 20, 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 19,954 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in the State of Washington. Of this number, 508 are living in locations within the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County, while 213 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 or Detective Steve Duckworth at (360) 337-5669.

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