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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: Ricardo Zamudio, Hispanic male, age 41.

Residence location: Zamudio is now residing in the 12000 block of Ridgepoint Drive NW in Silverdale. Zamudio was a previous resident of Kitsap County. He has lived for the past three years in California. Zamudio re-registered with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, as a level III sex offender, today.

Description: 5' 11" ht., 240 lbs. wt., black-colored hair and brown-colored eyes.

Criminal history: According to court documents Zamudio was convicted in 1993 of sexually abusing a male juvenile. In 1992 Zamudio raped a teenaged girl who was a relative of a co-worker. In 1984 Zamudio was convicted of sexual battery in California for the rape of an adult female.

Zamudio declined to participate in sexual deviancy treatment while incarcerated, as he denies responsibility for committing his most recent offenses. While in prison, Zamudio committed 14 major inmate conduct infractions including extortion, strong-arming, possession of a controlled substance and fighting. He has on-going associations with various security threat groups to include Hispanic and Native American gangs.

Zamudio has been assessed as a high risk to re-offend.

Community meeting: A community notification meeting, concerning the residency of Zamudio, is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22, in the John Horsley Community Center (log cabin), Island Lake Park, 1087 NW Island Lake Road, Central Kitsap.



Ricardo Zamudio

Date of photograph: 08/14/2007

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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