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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: Alvin James Turner, black male, age 42.

Residence location: Turner will be released from prison on 09/05/2007 and will be residing in the 3600 block of "E" Street in Navy Yard City, Bremerton.

Description: 5' 05" ht., 180 lbs. wt., hair: black, eyes: brown

Criminal history: According to court documents, Turner was convicted of statutory rape, 3rd degree, in 1984 and rape of a child, 3rd degree, in 1999.



Alvin James Turner
Date of photograph: October 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 19,954 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in the State of Washington. Of this number, 523 are living in locations within the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County, while 201 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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