



SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN **LEVEL 3 NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE**

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION DETAIL

DATE: April 30, 2008

The *KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE* is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offenders release when; in the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex offense that requires registration with the sheriff's office in the county of their residence. Further, their previous criminal history places them in a classification level which reflects the potential to re-offend.

This sex offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts and has advised the *KITSAP County Sheriff's Department* that he/she will be living in the location below. HE/SHE IS NOT WANTED BY THE POLICE AT THIS TIME. THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC.

The *KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE* has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he chooses.

Sex offenders have always lived in our communities; but it wasn't until passage of the Community Protection Act of 1990 (which mandates sex offender registration) that law enforcement even knew where they were living. In many cases, law enforcement is now able to share that information with you. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Further, such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications. We believe the only person who wins if community notification ends is the sex offender, since sex offenders derive their power through secrecy.

The KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Crime Prevention Division is available to help you set up block watches and to provide you with useful information on personal safety. If you have information regarding current criminal activity, please contact the Kitsap County Sheriffs Office.



Subject: **Steven M. Arnold**, W/M, 21 years old, HT 6'3", WT 192, Hair: Blonde, Eyes: Green. Registered with Kitsap County as Transient.

CRIMINAL HISTORY: According to official court documents:

Arnold was convicted of two counts of Rape of a Child 1st in 2002 for sexually assaulting two juvenile males between the ages of 9 and 12 who were known to him. Arnold was 15 years old at the time of the offenses.

For further information, contact **Detective Doug Dillard** of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office at 360-337-5617.

Additional sex offender information:

As of the date of this bulletin, there are 20,198 sex offenders who have registered as required (since 2/28/90) and are living in Washington State. 496 of these are registered to the *KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE* living at County addresses. 230 are registered to addresses within the city limits of *KITSAP COUNTY* and 94 are in jail or in prison.