



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

March 20th 2024

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 Office 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/she 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 Unit 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 Sheriff's Office.



Subject: Rennie Ritz, W/M, 83 years old, HT 6'0", WT 240 lbs, Hair: Grey, Eyes: Hazel. Ritz will be residing in Kitsap County in the 100 block of Oak St in Bremerton.

Sex Crime Convictions:

2 cts, Child Molestation 1, Adams County WA, 02/23/2009

Washington State Sex Offender Public Registry:

www.wasor.org

Be sure to sign up for the free sex offender notifications in your area.

National Sex Offender Public Website: www.nsopw.gov

Kitsap County Sheriff Office: www.kitsapgov.com/sheriff

For more information, contact Detective Fred Breed of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office at 360-337-5613.