

High Risk Sex Offenders Go Online

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Public safety agencies in San Diego, California, have worked together to provide the community with information on High Risk Sex Offenders via the Internet beginning September 17, 2004. High Risk Sex Offenders have been classified by the California Department of Justice based on their criminal history of having been convicted of multiple sex offenses that require registration with a local law enforcement agency. There are more than 4,400 registered sex offenders in San Diego County—32 of them fit the criterion that requires public notification on these offenders when an agency determines it is necessary to ensure public safety of the community.

Individuals with Internet access can now view the following information on High Risk Sex Offenders who meet the criteria in Penal Code 290.45 for posting: photograph; physical description; criminal history; and street address with hundred block only (no exact addresses will be posted). Users can also automatically link to the Sex Offender Map to see where in their neighborhood the offender lives. 208,000 maps were generated over the first weekend the site was rolled out. It is important to note that none of these individuals are currently wanted by law enforcement. The new public information is available on the Automated Regional Justice Information Systems (ARJIS) Website at www.arjis.org/hrso.

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