

SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN

RISK LEVEL 2 NOTIFICATION

FERNDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date 05-30-03

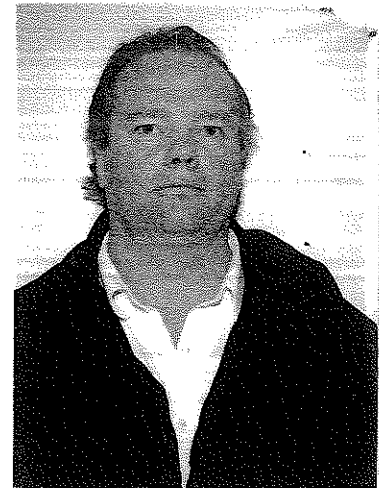
The Ferndale Police Department is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State vs. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender's release when in the discretion of the agency, the release 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 his residence. His previous criminal history places him 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 Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and the Ferndale Police Department that he will be living in the location listed below. **HE IS NOT WANTED BY THE POLICE AT THIS TIME.** This notification is not intended to increase alarm. It is the belief of law enforcement that an informed public is a safer public.

The Ferndale Police Department 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 the 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. Such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications. The only person who wins if the community notification ends is the sex offender, since sex offenders derive their power through secrecy.



Charles Arthur Comstock

Date of Birth 08-16-54

White Male

5'10" tall

195 lbs

Brown hair

Green eyes

Residing in the 6100 blk of Sunshine Dr.

On October 17, 1984, Charles A. Comstock was convicted of two counts of Sexual Abuse of a Minor in the 2nd Degree, involving a non related 4-year-old boy in Palmer Alaska. He served his sentence and was released from Parole in 1990. He is not currently on Parole. In 1991, Mr. Comstock moved to Whatcom County and did not register as a sex offender at the time. No known sexual deviancy treatment is known to exist, and Mr. Comstock was rated a Level 2 (moderate-risk to re-offend) sex offender. Mr. Comstock has registered to live in the 6100 block of Sunshine Dr., in Ferndale, Whatcom County.

The Ferndale Police Departments Crime Prevention Unit is available to help you set up block watches and to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The Crime Prevention Unit may be reached at (360)384-3390. If you have information regarding criminal activity of this or any other offender, please call 911