

SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN

RISK LEVEL 2 NOTIFICATION

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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.

Alan Arthur O'Brien

Age: 20, Height: 5'09" Weight: 180,
Hair: Blond Eyes: Blue

Address: **2300 Blk Kristi Pl, Ferndale**



On or about July 28, 2003 Alan Arthur O'Brien pled guilty to Child Molestation in the First Degree for having sexual contact with a 7-year old female victim who was not a family member. The assault occurred while the victim was seated next to him on a school bus. O'Brien wrapped one arm around the girl and held her as he put his hands down under her blouse and up her shirt. O'Brien fondled the victims' bare chest, thighs and buttocks. O'Brien was sentenced to a Special Sexual Offender Disposition Alternative program with sex offender treatment. He violated the conditions of that program by having unsupervised contact on two separate occasions with a 5-year old female and an 8-year old male in 2004. Alan Arthur was evaluated as a Level 2 (Moderate Risk to Re-Offend) Sex Offender.

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