



City of Bothell™

SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN LEVEL 2 NOTIFICATION

The Bothell Police Department 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 offender release when; in the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

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|  | <p>JAMES M. ECKERT</p> <p>Age: 34 years Height: 5'9" Weight: 185 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel</p> |
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James M. Eckert is a convicted sex offender who resides in the 11700 Block of N.E. 166th Court, Bothell, WA 98011

The Bothell Police Department wants the public to be aware of Eckert's presence in the community, and encourage people to exercise personal safety precautions.

According to official documents, in 2012 Eckert pled guilty to several counts of Voyeurism and Attempted Voyeurism. He was sentenced to 22 months in prison and participated in a Sex Offender Treatment Program while serving his sentence. When released, he was on probation for 36 months with the Department of Corrections.

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 King County Sheriff's Office that he will be living in the location listed. HE IS NOT WANTED BY THE LOCAL 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.

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.

If you would like further information regarding sex offenders, please see the City of Bothell website at: www.ci.bothell.wa.us