



City of Bothell™

## SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN LEVEL 3 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.



### JONATHAN MICHAEL VANATER

Age: 31 years  
Height: 6'0"  
Weight: 280 lbs.  
Hair: Blonde  
Eyes: Brown

**Jonathan Vanater** is a convicted sex offender.

He will be residing in the 19300 block of 127th Avenue N.E. Bothell, WA

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

According to official documents, in 2000 VANATER was convicted of Rape of a Child 1. Thirteen year old VANATER established a friendship with a 10 year old neighborhood boy. The two often played together. VANATER invited the boy to his clubhouse with the intent to sexually offend against him. Once inside the clubhouse, VANATER committed a sexual act on the minor. VANATER entered the SSODA Program (Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative) a sex offender treatment diversion program, which he successfully completed. While working as a camp counselor in 2003, VANATER fondled a 10 year old male camper as he sat next to him on the bus. He pled guilty to attempted Child Molestation 1.

Due to VANATER'S sexual criminal history, he has been classified as a Level 3 Sex Offender. This allows the Bothell Police Department to disclose relevant, necessary, and accurate information to the public at large, as well as public and private schools and daycare centers near where the offender plans to reside. He is not under DOC supervision and does not have any restrictions.

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

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 Department 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.

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