



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.

	<p>FLORENA A. GOUACIDE</p> <p>Age: 30 years Height: 5'1" Weight: 200 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel</p>
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Florena Romero is a convicted sex offender who resides in the 14600 Block of 111th Avenue N.E. in Bothell, Washington.

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

According to official documents, On 8/6/2006, Romero was convicted of four counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, one count of Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and three counts of Communicating with a Minor for Immoral Purposes. She was found guilty and sentenced on 6/27/07 to 144 months in prison.

Romero's victims were known to her and she introduced the children to her boyfriend who was a Level 3 sex offender. Romero had the victims remove their clothes and took posed photographs of two females (age 7 and 8). She also attempted to take pictures of an 11 year old female. Romero and her boyfriend subsequently had sexual intercourse and oral sex in front of the children. During these incidents, Romero encouraged the victims to get closer and touch them as they had sex. Romero also encouraged her boyfriend to touch the victim's genitalia and threatened the victims before returning them to their parents.

This sex offender has served the sentence imposed on her by the courts and has advised the King County Sheriff's Office that she will be living in the location listed. SHE 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