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# Bellevue Police Department Registered Sex Offender Information Bulletin



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## Public Information Bulletin

### Level III Notification

The Bellevue Police Department is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington Supreme Court Decision in State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender's release when such information will enhance public safety and protection. *This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is our belief that an informed public is a safer public.*



John Whidby

John Whidby has been convicted of a crime that requires registration with the sheriff's office in his county of residence. Further, his criminal history places him in a classification level that reflects the *potential to re-offend*.

John Whidby has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts, **HE IS NOT WANTED BY THE POLICE AT THIS TIME**. The Bellevue Police Department has no legal authority to direct where sex offenders 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 was the Community Protection Act of 1990 that forced them to register, thus giving law enforcement the ability to track their whereabouts and collect information which in many cases can be shared with the community. *Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass sex offenders will not be tolerated.* Such abuse could potentially end our

ability to release this important information to the public.

The Bellevue Police Department Crime Prevention Unit is available to help you set up block watches or provide you with other information about personal safety. They can be reached at 452-6916. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of this or any other offender, please call 911.

A Community Notification Meeting will be held on Monday, May, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, at 7:00 PM, at St. Louise Parish, 141 – 156<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Bellevue.

Whidby has two separate convictions for sexually assaulting young girls. In 1982 he sexually assaulted his 6 year year-old stepdaughter. He served his prison sentence. In 2004, he sexually assaulted his girlfriend's 9 year-old granddaughter.

He was released in April 2007 and is under supervision by the Washington State Department of Corrections. Whidby suffers from partial paralysis and is confined to a wheelchair.

Whidby has registered as a sex offender as required by the law, he is residing in the 800 block of 168<sup>th</sup> Place NE, Bellevue.

**Offender: John Whidby**

**Age: 56**

**Height: 6'02"**

**Weight: 250 lbs.**

**Hair: Black**

**Eyes: Brown**

**OTHER CRIMINAL HISTORY:**

Theft 1°, Robbery 1° with a Deadly Weapon, Fail to Register as a Sex Offender, Theft 3°, Theft 4°, Assault, and Driving with a Suspended License.

**Residency in the 800 block of 168<sup>th</sup>**