



SEX OR KIDNAPPING OFFENDER BULLETIN
LEVEL 3 NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE

SPECIAL ASSAULT UNIT
SEX AND KIDNAPPING OFFENDER REGISTRATION DETAIL

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The Seattle Police Department is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550, the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, and the US Supreme Court decision in Connecticut Dept. of Public Safety v. Doe (2003) which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex or kidnapping offenders release when the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex or kidnapping 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 or kidnapping offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts and has advised the King County Department of Public Safety that he will be living in the location below. HE IS NOT WANTED BY THE 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.

The Seattle Police Department has no legal authority to direct where a sex or kidnapping offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he chooses.

Sex and kidnapping offenders have always lived in our communities; but it wasn't until passage of the Community Protection Act of 1990 (which mandates sex and kidnapping 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 or kidnapping 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 or kidnapping offender, since they derive their power through secrecy.



Garcia, Cruz, K. Hispanic male 06-18-66
Age: 37

5' 5", 150 pounds, black hair, brown eyes.
Tattoo upper right arm.

Cruz Garcia was released from prison in 2002 after serving his sentence for Rape of a Child 3rd Degree. The victim in this case was a 14-year-old female whom Garcia had just met. Garcia lured the victim into his apartment. Once in the apartment, Garcia used force, threats, and intimidation to sexually assault the victim.

Garcia has an additional felony conviction (1992) for Rape of a Child 1st Degree. The victim was an 11-year-old, female relative who Garcia sexually assaulted over a period of four years. Garcia groomed the victim in a very thoughtful, cautious, and patient manner, to gain her trust. Once Garcia was able to isolate her, he used threats of physical violence, coercion, and intimidation, to create fear within her. The tactics were so successful the victim did not report the offenses for many years.

Garcia completed sex offender treatment while incarcerated at Twin Rivers Correctional Center for the 1992 conviction. Garcia denies committing the second rape, which occurred in 1999. Garcia has registered as a sex offender as required by law. He is living as "homeless" in the 300 block of 2nd Ave, Ext. S.

Additional sex or kidnapping offender information:
As of the date of this bulletin, there are 16,136 sex or kidnapping offenders who have registered as required (since 2/28/90) and are living in Washington State. 3,948 of these are registered to King County addresses. 1,376 are registered to addresses within the city limits of Seattle.