SEX OR KIDNAPPING OFFENDER INFORMATION 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.

Secord, John M. **W M** **10/5/66**
Age: 37

5'6", 174 pounds, blonde hair, brown eyes.
Tattoo of a cross on his right shoulder. Scars on his left hand, wrist and arm.

John Michael Secord was released from prison after completing his sentence for four counts of Child Molestation in the First Degree. There were three male victims. Two of the victims were 9 years old, and one was 10 years old. Secord met the victims at the church they attended together. Secord has additional convictions for Indecent Liberties in 1988 and 1982. The victims in the two Indecent Liberties cases were males aged 7 and 5 years old. The offense against the 7 year old occurred in the church. The offense against the five year old occurred while Secord was baby-sitting him. All of the molestation's occurred over the top of the victims clothing. Secord's primary known victim pool is a male between the ages of 5 and 13. He gains access to his victims through his attendance and involvement in church activities. He presents himself to adults as caring, and as a responsible young adult who is a real friend to all. He then grooms minor male victims through gifts of candy, soda pop, giving them attention, and playing games with them. He then isolates the victims and sexually assaults them.

Secord participated in the Sex Offender Treatment Program at Twin Rivers Correctional Center. He is considered to be at the high end of the moderate risk range to re-offend, especially if he drops out of outpatient deviancy treatment or if he resumes use of alcohol and drugs. Secord is no longer under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. His only remaining condition is lifetime sex offender registration. Secord has registered as a sex offender as required by law. He is living as "homeless" in the 300 block of 2 Ave. Ext. S.

Additional sex or kidnapping offender information:
As of the date of this bulletin, there are 17,893 sex or kidnapping offenders who have registered as required (since 2/28/90) and are living in Washington State. 3,858 of these are registered to King County addresses. 1,329 are registered to addresses within the city limits of Seattle.