

WEST PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

IV-14 SEXUAL PREDATOR NOTIFICATION

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CALEA Standards: N/A

CFA Standards: 28.05, 28.06

I. POLICY: The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has assumed the responsibility of making all notifications in Palm Beach County, including the municipalities, of the release or return of sexual predators. The West Palm Beach Police Department will make public notification if the sexual predator and/or sex offenders relocate after the initial notification is made. The West Palm Beach Police Department will verify the predator and/or sex offender is residing at the address furnished by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

II. DEFINITIONS:

A. Sexual Predator- The designation of "sexual predator" is made by a court in compliance with criteria set forth in Florida State Statutes.

B. Sexual offender- a person who has been convicted of a felony violation of chapter 794, s. 800.04, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145, or a violation of a similar law of another jurisdiction, when the department has received verified information regarding such conviction. An offender's computerized criminal history record is not, in and of itself, verified information.

C. Conviction - a determination of guilt that is the result of a plea or a trial, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld.

III. PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY:

A. It is the responsibility of the Commander of the Criminal investigation Division to ensure the following procedure is carried out.

IV. PROCEDURE:

A. Upon receiving information regarding a sexual offender and/or a sex offender from the FDLE, the Department will provide the information to any individual who requests such information and may release the information to the public in any manner deemed appropriate. The information which can be released includes:

1. The name of the sexual predator and/or sex offenders;
2. A description of the sexual predator and/or sex offenders, including a photograph;
3. The sexual predator's and/or sex offender's current address, including the name of the county or municipality if known;
4. The circumstances of the sexual predator's and/or sex offender's offense(s); and
5. Whether the victim of the sexual offense was a minor or an adult at the time of the offense. This paragraph does not authorize the release of the name of any victim of the sexual predator and/or sex offender.

B. If the offender has moved or relocated into the City of West Palm Beach, the public will be notified in the following manner:

1. The West Palm Beach Police Department will notify the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department who will do a mailing to all day care facilities and schools within the area of the sexual predator's and/or sex offender's home address.

2. The Police Department's Internet Web Page and the interactive informational kiosk in the lobby will have the sexual predator's and/or sex offenders picture and information and/or a link to the FDLE Sex Offender's web page.

3. All police officers are authorized to release information and photographs at crime watch meeting or other community meeting or at any other location or by any other means deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police.

C. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office retains the responsibility of registering all sexual predators and/or sex offenders in Palm Beach County.

1. If a sexual predator or offender responds to the West Palm Beach Police Department for registration he or she will be directed to the Sheriff's Department.

V. REFERENCE:

- Florida State Statute 775.71 The Florida Sexual Predators Act.
- Florida State Statute 944.606 Sex Offenders; notification upon release.

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