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PRESS RELEASE

Public Notification – Level III Sex Offender

Port Orchard, WA. – January 13th, 2020

The Port Orchard Police Department (P.O.P.D.) 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 offenders release when; in the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex 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 offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts and has advised the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department 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 P.O.P.D. has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender 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 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.

The Port Orchard Police Department is dedicated to maintaining our partnership with the community to ensure safety of all who reside here. If you have information regarding current criminal activity, please contact the Port Orchard Police Department or call 911.



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Joshua N. Hensley

37 years old,
HT 5'06", WT 162,
Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue

He has registered with Kitsap County to the:
1800 block of Sidney Ave. in Port Orchard

A community notification meeting will be held on Thursday, 01/21/2020 at 5:00 p.m. Members of the public may attend and provide public comment via Zoom using the following link

<https://zoom.us/j/96173070418?pwd=QXJaMXIKQS9LcVI1c0V2QjZ2V0FqUT09>

Meeting ID: 961 7307 0418

Passcode: Z9TC3k

Information about how to attend is also available on the City's website.

CRIMINAL HISTORY: According to official court documents – In 2010, Hensley was convicted of Possessing Depictions of Minors in Sexually Explicit Conduct in Lewis County. In 2012, he was convicted of Indecent Liberties, Rape 3rd, Assault 2nd and Unlawful Imprisonment in Thurston County after he sexually assaulted an adult female that he had just met. In 2018, Hensley was convicted of Communicating with a Minor for Immoral Purposes in Lewis County after it was learned that he was communicating sexually with his juvenile daughter while he was incarcerated. Hensley also has convictions for Assault and Theft.

For inquiries, contact Sgt. Horsley of the Port Orchard Police Department at JHorsley@CityofPortOrchard.us or Detective Eric Adams of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office at 360-337-5617.