Information on Sexually Violent Predator

GILBERT JAMES BLEA

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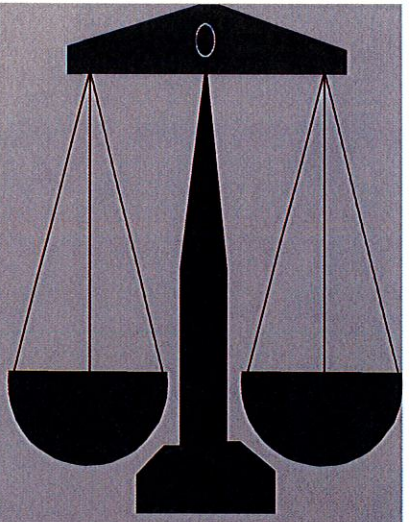
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION UNIT

Colorado Sex Offender Legislation

- The legislature determined that Sexually Violent Predators (SVP) by definition pose a higher risk to the community at large and therefore mandated that upon their release from Department of Corrections (DOC), the community must be notified.
- An SVP maybe be more likely to be arrested for a violent crime within five years upon release from DOC.

Sex Offender Legislative History



- National Sex Offender Legislation

Jacob Wetterling Act 1994

Requires states to implement a sex offender and crimes against children registry.

Megan's Law 1996

Requires states to establish a community notification system.

Sex Offender Legislative History

National Sex Offender Legislation

Pam Lychner Act 1996
Requires lifetime registration for recidivists and offenders who commit certain aggravated offenses.

Adam Walsh Act of 2006
Expanded The National Sex Offender Registry.
strengthened federal penalties.
made It harder For sexual predators to reach our children on the internet.
Background checks of adoptive and foster parents.

Community Notification in Colorado

Occurs 2 ways in Colorado:

1. Passive and ongoing: through the sex offender registration process

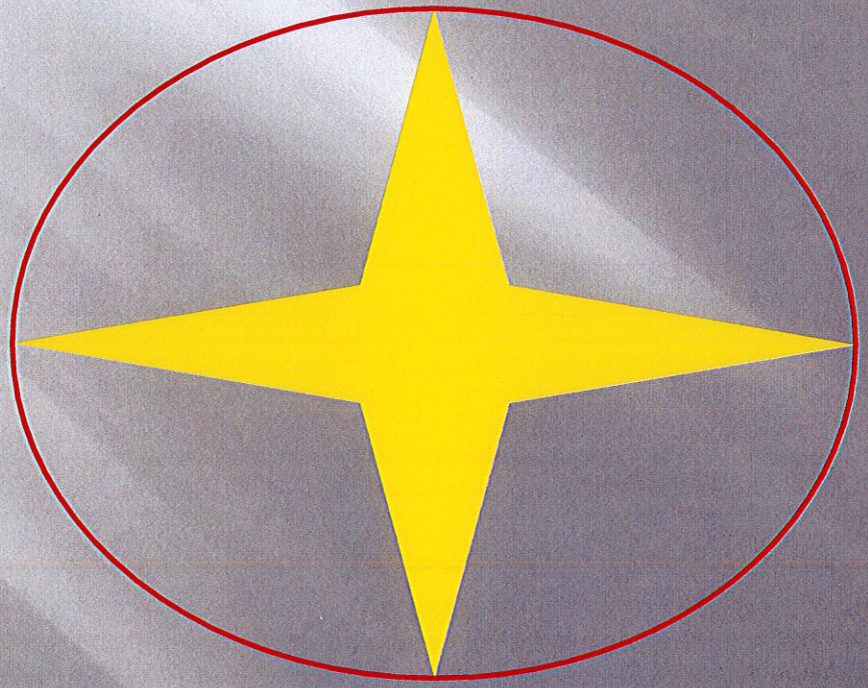
2. Active: via Community Notification
   for those sex offenders determined by the courts to be Sexually Violent Predators (SVPs)

Sex Offender Characteristics

- Most sex offenders engage in CROSSOVER behavior.
- Many sex offenders have NO criminal history.
- There is no "typical" sex offender, but all tend to be deceptive, manipulative, & secretive.
- 80-95% of sex offenses are committed by someone known to victim.
- Sexual deviancy often begins in adolescence.
- Sex offenses are not impulsive, they are usually carefully planned.
- Most sex offenders are male , only 4% are female

Containment Approach

Criminal Justice Supervision



Community Members

Community Responsibility

- The community has vested interest in helping the offender be successfully managed in the community
- Sex offenders have the same need for housing & employment as other citizens
- Harassment is counter-productive to goals of community management & may cause the offender to go underground
- ***ANY CITIZEN WHO USES THIS INFORMATION TO HARASS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE THE OFFENDER WILL BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION***

Facts & Statistics AboutSex Offenders

- There are nearly 859,500 sex offenders across the United States
- As of 7-26-2019 there are approx. 19,735 registered sex offenders in Colorado.
- As of 7-26-2019, there are approx. 235 SVP's on the website.
- As of 7-26-2019, there are approximately 492 registered sex offenders in unincorporated Adams County Colorado
- Approximately 65% of convicted sex offenders are placed on probation in CO., (rest to DOC & community corrections.)
- Offenders may be caught for one type of offense, & be at high risk to commit another type.
- Crime of conviction is only one indicator of risk.

Facts & Statistics About Sex Offending (Cont'd)

- Majority of sex offenders are not caught or detected.
- Less than 16% of sex assaults are EVER reported.
- In Co., 1 in 150 women & 1 in 830 men have been sex assault victims in the past 12 months, 16% were reported to police, 1 in 4 women & 1 in 17 men have been sex assault victims in their lifetimes.

  (CDPHE, CCASA 1999)

Impact on Victims of Sex Offenses

- Victims exhibit many different responses: crying, angry, quiet, withdrawn. No "normal" response.
- Sex assault by someone known to victim creates a more difficult recovery.
- Victims often develop post-traumatic stress disorder.
- Long-term effects include; depression, anxiety, eating disorders, flashbacks, divorce, loss of sexual interest, loss of concentration, sleeping disorders, and suicide.
- Male victims tend to develop anti-social behaviors; females tend to develop depression; both can develop substance abuse problems.
- Responses are minimized when victims are believed & supported.

Sex Offender Registration List

- Full list is available by contacting the Adams County Sheriff's Office at 720-322-1202.
- Felons and those with multiple convictions are posted on the Internet at http://www.familywatchdog.us/Search.asp

SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR

Gilbert James Blea
DOB: 02-23-1971

W/M, 509, 250 lbs
Bro hair, Bro eyes

Brief History and Change of Status

Attempt Second Degree
Sexual Assault

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Determined to be an SVP

This is a legal term established by federal legislation
(The SVP must meet FOUR separate criteria.)

Criteria of SVP

1: Age 18 or older on the date of the offense or under 18 and tried as an adult

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Attempt Second Degree Sexual Assault

Criteria for SVP

2. The crime must have been committed on or after July 1, 1997 and convicted on or after July 1, 1999.

A. Sexual Assault

B. Unlawful Sexual Contact (felony)

C. Sexual Assault on a child

D. Sexual Assault on a child/Position of Trust

Includes:

Attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation

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Criteria for SVP

3. The relationship to the victim must have been:

A. A stranger to the offender.

B. The offender actively manipulated the environment to gain access to the victim.

C. The offender introduced sexual content into the relationship.

D. The offender persisted in the introduction of sexual content or inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature despite lack of consent or in the absence of consent.

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Criteria for SVP

4: Positive results, or the "passing of a risk assessment instrument", which includes

- an assessment for the presence of: mental abnormality;
- level of denial regarding the offense;
- treatment appropriateness and motivation;
- presence of sexual deviant interests.
- Administered by:
  - ➞ Probation/parole staff AND a qualified treatment evaluator, approved by the SOMB

Gilbert Blea was evaluated by Parole and found to have "positive results"

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Registered Sexual Offender

- Must be registered as a sex offender
- Must reside at the residence registered with local law enforcement

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- Must register with the Adams County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registration Unit
  - Quarterly
  - Lifetime
- Residence is verified quarterly by the Sex Offender Registration Unit

Community Protection and Safety Issues

SVP's Do Not Represent
All Dangerous Sex Offenders,

The Community Notification Process and Sex Offender Registration are Not a Complete Deterrent to Sexual Assault.

Please Refer to your Safety Tips

Please remember…

- Vigilantism, harassment, threats or intimidation of the offender is counter-productive to the best interests and safety of the community. We want the offender to be:
  - Registered and visible in the community
  - Not underground
- Such activity is criminal and will be investigated and the actor will be subject to prosecution

Additional Resources

- Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
  http://sor.state.co.us/
- Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website:
  http://www.nsopw.gov/Core/Conditions.aspx
- National Sexual Assault Hotline at:
  800-656-HOPE
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
  http://www.missingkids.com
- The Center for Sex Offender Management website:
  http://www.csom.org

Community Notification

Informed Communities Are Safer Communities

(SOMB 12/06)