

SEX OFFENDERS REPORT

SYNOPSIS

The Kings County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) maintains a Sex Offender Registry as a public service tool. The registry is designed to increase community safety and awareness.

WHY THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATED

Public interest

AUTHORITY

California Penal Code Section 925. The Grand Jury shall investigate and report on the operations, accounts, and records of the officers, departments or functions of the county.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

The Grand Jury interviewed KCSO Offender Watch staff, and reviewed program documents. Interviews included the assigned Detective and Office Assistant II who work closely to track offenders for compliance with reporting requirements.

BACKGROUND AND FACTS

California Megan's Law requires each jurisdiction to update the State database of registered sex offenders. Kings County also maintains a local database of registered sex offenders as a public service.

Individuals listed on the registry have been convicted of a sexual offense that requires them to meet a number of mandates including annual registration for life, except for special circumstances.

There are eight officers of the cities and county monitoring sex offenders within Kings County for compliance. Each city is responsible for monitoring the sex offenders residing within their boundaries. Citizen awareness is accomplished by KCSO through school presentations and community events.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Within five working days of release from State custody convicted offenders are required by law to register with law enforcement in the city and/or county they move into.

COMMENTS

KCSO Sex Offender staff and associated county law enforcement officers are dedicated, caring and maintain high standards of professionalism and positive interaction with other counties.

RESPONSE REQUIREMENT

None required