

# SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANTS

California's Megan's Law requires sex offenders to register with the police jurisdiction where they live. As a result of the law, public information is available about more than 63,000 sex registrants - including the full addresses of more than 33,500 offenders. The address information is graphically displayed on maps in relation to the user's neighborhood, other addresses, parks and schools.

The Anaheim Police Department is committed to ensuring the city remains one of the safest places to live, work and play anywhere. It periodically conducts checks of registered sex offenders to ensure compliance - and, when applicable, works with other agencies such as parole and probation to monitor offenders.

According to the state, most sex offenses are committed by family, friends or acquaintances of victims. For more information - or to check on sex offenders in your neighborhood, please visit the state's Megan's Law page at <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>.

## **Q. How can I find out more about sex offenders in my neighborhood?**

A. The best resource to find out information about sex registrants is the California Department of Justice's Megan's Law website.

## **Q. Whose responsibility is it to monitor sex offenders in our communities?**

A. It is everyone's responsibility to work together to monitor sex offenders in our communities. The Anaheim Police Department depends upon citizens to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. In addition, the Anaheim Police Department works closely with the California Department of Justice, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Orange County Probation Department, and a variety of other agencies to ensure sex offenders follow the terms of their registration.

## **Q. What can I do if a sex offender lives near me?**

A. If you believe a sex offender lives near you, access the Megan's Law website to verify the person is a sex offender. As long as the sex offender is in compliance with the law, they can live at the listed address. As a citizen, if you observe any suspicious or illegal activity, make sure to report it to the police. And always be aware of your surroundings. Also, be aware you cannot harass or threaten a sex offender. Sex offender registration information is only to be used to protect persons at risk. California Penal Code section 290.4 prohibits use of the information for purposes related to housing or accommodations.

## **Q. Who can I call if I have questions or concerns regarding sex offenders and sex registration issues?**

A. You can call Detective Omar Adham with the Anaheim Police Department's Sex Crimes Detail regarding any questions and concerns. 714-765-1623.

