



SEX OR KIDNAPPING OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN

LEVEL 3 NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE

SPECIAL ASSAULT UNIT SEX AND KIDNAPPING OFFENDER REGISTRATION DETAIL

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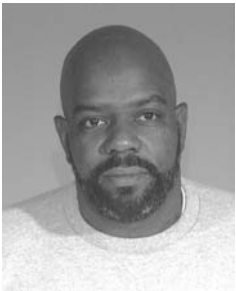
The Seattle Police Department is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550, the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, and the US Supreme Court decision in Connecticut Dept. of Public Safety v. Doe (2003) which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex or kidnapping offenders release when the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex or kidnapping 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 or kidnapping offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts and has advised the King County Department of Public Safety 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 Seattle Police Department has no legal authority to direct where a sex or kidnapping offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he chooses.

Sex and kidnapping offenders have always lived in our communities; but it wasn't until passage of the Community Protection Act of 1990 (which mandates sex and kidnapping 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 or kidnapping 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 or kidnapping offender, since they derive their power through secrecy.



Owens, Lawrence B M 8/29/1960
Age: 43

6'0", 260 pounds, black hair, brown eyes.
AKA: Lawrence Hamilton; Larry Owens

Lawrence Owens was released from prison after completing his sentence for Assault in the Second Degree DV, Unlawful Imprisonment, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the First Degree, and Assault in the Second Degree with Sexual Motivation. The victim in this case was an adult female who once had a dating relationship with Owens. One evening when the victim was at Owens apartment for dinner, he became angry and started insulting her. When she tried to leave, Owens physically assaulted her and put a loaded firearm to her head. The victim was able to get the apartment door open and scream for help. She was again physically assaulted. She escaped from Owens when police arrived. After a 5 to 6 hour standoff with police, Owens was flushed from the apartment with tear gas. The victim in the Assault in the Second Degree with Sexual Motivation case was the wife of an acquaintance of Owens. Owens stayed with the victim and her husband right after he got out of prison last time. Owens and the victim went to the house of one of his friends. He had a few drinks and then started making sexual advances at the victim. The victim told him to "knock it off" which angered Owens. He physically assaulted the victim until she finally gave in to keep from getting beat further. She had a broken nose and facial lacerations.

Owens has additional criminal history including Malicious Mischief in the First Degree (pled down from Attempted Murder in the First Degree) and Kidnapping in the Second Degree. Each of these incidents involved victims who once had a dating relationship with Owens. Owens is under the supervision of the Department of Corrections until approximately August of 2004. Until last week he was living at the Jensonia Apts. in downtown. He and the other tenants were forced out when the building burned. He has registered as a sex offender as required by law and is temporarily living as "homeless" in the area of the Miller Community Center.

Additional sex or kidnapping offender information:

As of the date of this bulletin, there are 18,143 sex or kidnapping offenders who have registered as required (since 2/28/90) and are living in Washington State. 3,938 of these are registered to King County addresses. 1,389 are registered to addresses within the city limits of Seattle.