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Dear Friend:

Would you know if that well-mannered new neighbor who moved in across the street from you is a registered sex offender? Thousands of people are convicted of sex crimes every year, and they all live somewhere after they have served their time in prison. Tens of thousands of these registered sex offenders live in California.

All California parents need to know about a valuable tool for keeping their children safe and to help identify registered sex offenders. The Megan's Law database keeps track of descriptive information of California's registered sex offenders. Since 1996, this information has been available to the public at numerous county sheriff and city police stations. Now it is available through the internet at the California Department of Justice website.

This brochure contains valuable information about Megan's Law and where you can get information about registered sex offenders in your community.

If you have any questions about Megan's Law, or the Legislature's efforts to make it more accessible to the public, please contact my office at (714) 939-8469.

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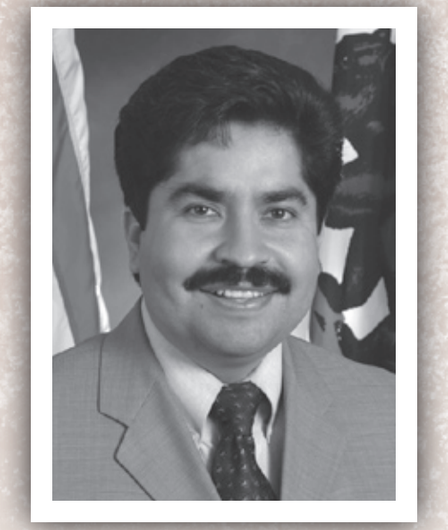

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California's Megan's Law:

Protecting children from sexual predators

A Brief History of Megan's Law

Megan's Law is named after Megan Kanka, a seven-year-old New Jersey child who was raped and murdered by her neighbor, who was a sex offender with two prior convictions for sexual abuse of a child. However, nobody in the Kanka's neighborhood was aware of his past.

For more than 50 years, California has required dangerous sex offenders to register with local law enforcement agencies. Unfortunately, though, they were prohibited from sharing this information with the public. But following Megan's death, the Kanka family led a grass-roots movement to have local communities warned about sex offenders in their neighborhood.

In 1996, Megan's Law was implemented to arm the public with certain information regarding the location of dangerous sex offenders. Megan's Law gave local communities a tool to protect themselves and their children by allowing law enforcement to release relevant information to the public.

What information does Megan's Law provide?

The Megan's Law database can provide valuable information about sex offenders that will help keep your family safe. Information in the database includes:

- ***name and known aliases;***
- ***address where required by law;***
- ***age;***
- ***gender;***
- ***physical description, including scars, marks and tattoos;***
- ***photograph, if available;***
- ***crimes resulting in registration;***
- ***county of residence;***
- ***zip code; and***
- ***if an offender is in violation.***

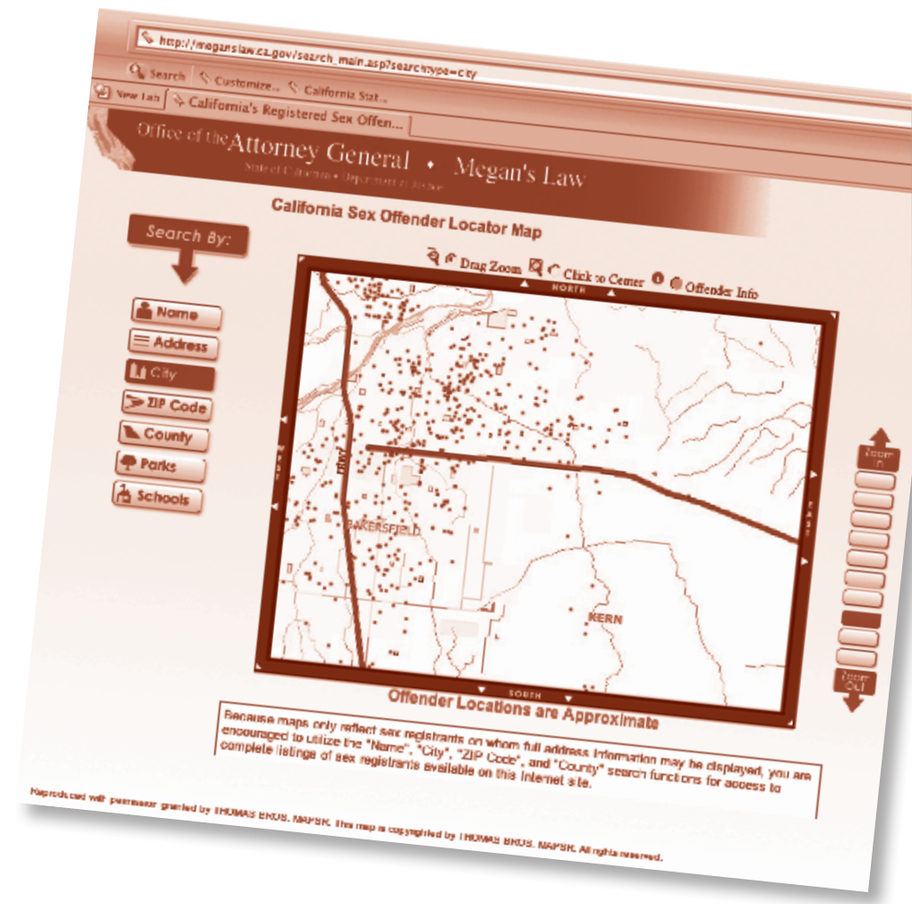
Who is required to register as a sex offender?

California law details numerous crimes that require mandatory registration with law enforcement. ***A sex offender must register with law enforcement if he or she has been convicted of any of the following crimes:***

- ***assault with intent to commit certain sex offenses;***
- ***rape;***
- ***sodomy with a minor, with use of force or without consent;***
- ***lewd and lascivious conduct with a child;***
- ***oral copulation with a minor;***
- ***continuous sexual abuse of a child;***
- ***foreign object penetration;***
- ***child molestation;***
- ***kidnapping with intent to commit certain sex offenses;***
- ***felony sexual battery;***
- ***felony enticement of a child for purposes of prostitution; or***
- ***abduction of a child for purposes of prostitution.***

Where can I go to access the Megan's Law database?

The Megan's Law database is available to the public via the Internet.

To check for sex offenders in your neighborhood, go to:

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