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## News

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### Community Notification: Level III Sex Offender

**PORT ORCHARD, Wash.** -- The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550, and a Washington State Supreme Court decision in *State vs. Ward*, regarding public notification of the anticipated residency of a convicted sexual offender.

"The person named in this advisory has been convicted of a criminal offense that requires registration with the sheriff's office in the county of residence," said Sheriff Gary Simpson. "Further, his previous criminal history places him in a classification level that reflects the *potential* to re-offend."

**Name:** Raymond John Messmer, white male, age 66.

**Residence location:** Mr. Messmer is scheduled for release from the Washington State Special Commitment Center, McNeil Island, on Jan. 7, 2020. He has listed a house in the 17000 block of Viking Way NW, Poulsbo, in Kitsap County, as his place of residence.

**A community notification meeting concerning Mr. Messmer will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, in the Poulsbo City Council Chambers, 200 Moe Street NE, Poulsbo 98370.**

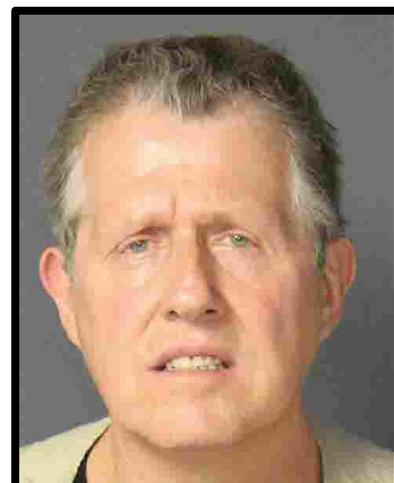
**Description:**

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 205 lbs.

Hair: brown

Eyes: green



Raymond John Messmer

**Criminal history:** Raymond Messmer was convicted of burglary, 1<sup>st</sup> degree and burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in 1975; of assault, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree in 1976; burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and rape, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in 1982 and assault, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree with sexual motivation in 1993.

In the 1970's Mr. Messmer was convicted of obstruction, malicious mischief, theft and battery of a police officer in California. Additionally, he was convicted of assault, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, stemming from an assault on a woman he intended to rape, however she was able to escape.

While incarcerated following his 1993 conviction Mr. Messmer met the statutory definition of a sexually violent predator. In 2013, during Mr. Messmer's annual review, he was deemed appropriate for Least Restrictive Alternative (LRA) housing. His adjustment to LRA was poor and he was returned to total confinement for six months. In December 2018, Mr. Messmer again was found to have met the terms and conditions for assignment to LRA housing and will be residing in Kitsap County.

**Additional information:** As of Dec. 23, there are 21,987 sex offenders who have registered as required and are living in Washington state. Of this number, 837 are registered with Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

Raymond Messmer has served the sentences imposed on him by the courts. He has advised the sheriff's office that he will be living within Kitsap County. This person is not wanted by law enforcement at this time. This notification is not intended to increase fear. Rather, an informed public is a safer public.

The sheriff's office has no legal authority to direct where registered sex offenders may or may not reside. Unless court-ordered restrictions exist, registered sex offenders are constitutionally free to live wherever they choose. Passage of legislation entitled the "Community Protection Act of 1990," mandates sex offender registration which, in turn, has provided civil authorities the means to monitor where sex offenders reside.

Abuse of information provided through the sex offender notification process, to intimidate, harass or threaten registered offenders, will result in an investigation and the filing of criminal charges against the perpetrators.

**Neighborhood Watch:** The sheriff's community resource officer, Deputy Schon Montague, is available to assist communities in establishing block or neighborhood watch programs and to provide the public with information on personal safety. He may be contacted via e-mail at: [smontagu@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:smontagu@co.kitsap.wa.us)

For further information on registered sex offenders within Kitsap County, contact Detective Eric Adams at (360) 337-4998.

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