



City of Oshkosh Police Department

SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN

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The Oshkosh Police Department is releasing the following information found on the opposite side of this page pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 301.45 and 301.46 (Act 440), which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offenders release when, at the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex offense that requires registration with the local law enforcement agencies. Further, his/her previous criminal history places the offender in a classification level which reflects the potential to offend.

This sex offender has served the sentence imposed on him/her by the courts and has advised officials that he/she will be living in the location on the opposite side of this page. **THIS PERSON 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.

Sex offenders have always lived in our communities but it was not until the passage of Act 440 (which mandates sex 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 offenders will not be tolerated. Further, such abuse could potentially end law enforcements ability to do community notifications. We believe the only person who wins if community notification ends is the sex offender, since the sex offenders derive their power through secrecy.

The Oshkosh Police Department is available to help you set up a Neighborhood Watch and to provide you with useful information on personal safety. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of this or any other sex offender, please call the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5700. In the case of an emergency, call 911.



JOSEPH J. SPAETH
215 Division St.
DOB: 06/19/1967
47 YEARS OLD
5'02" TALL 140 LBS
BROWN HAIR BLUE EYES
SCARS: NONE
TATTOOS: NONE

Convictions: In 1993 in Winnebago County Joseph Spaeth was convicted of 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child. The victim was a 6 yr old female who was known to him. He was placed on probation, which was later revoked and he was sentenced to 10 yrs prison. This conviction requires lifetime registration. In 1991 in Winnebago County, Joseph Spaeth was convicted of 4th Degree Sexual Assault (2 counts). The victim was a 13 yr old female who was known to him. He was placed on probation, which was revoked and he was sentenced to a term in the county jail. This offense does not require registration.

Other Court Cases: Mr. Spaeth was convicted in another criminal case filed in 2006 (Winnebago County Case # 06CF350) and in 2010 the State of Wisconsin filed proceedings to civilly commit him as a sex offender under Wisconsin Chapter 980 (Winnebago County Case # 10C101). However the 2006 criminal conviction was overturned by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 2012. This contributed to the eventual dismissal of the Chapter 980 civil commitment proceedings in a court ruling on 05/22/15.

Current Status: Due to recent court rulings, Mr. Spaeth's release is required. He is no longer under probation, parole or extended supervision. He has served his entire sentences in the aforementioned convictions. He is required to comply with the Sex Offender Registry for his life and comply with other state statutes that prohibit certain types of contact and/or conduct with children.

Residence: Mr. Spaeth will temporarily be residing at 215 Division St., in Oshkosh. The court has ordered his release on or before June 12th, 2015.

For more information check www.widocoffenders.org

Contact Information:

Oshkosh Police Department: Emergency 911 – Non-Emergency 236-5700

Division of Community Corrections: (920) 424-1721

Information on the Internet:

www.oshkoshpd.com

<http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/>

Additional sex offender information:

As of 06/08/15 there are 23,716 registered sex offenders in Wisconsin. Of those, 5,828 are in prison. 5,686 are on active probation, parole or extended supervision. 12,202 are terminated from supervision. There are 470 registered sex offenders reporting residence in Winnebago County.