

Community Notification

Sex and Kidnapping Offender Registration Public Information
Secondary Dissemination of This Information is Controlled by RCW 4.24.550
Risk to re-offend: Level III - High Risk; Level II - Moderate Risk; Level I - Low Risk

Info Released by the
Kelso Police Dept.



Offender Information

CROSS, RODNEY EDWARD

W M 510 180 BRO HAZ Age 52

200 BLOCK HAUSSLER RD , KELSO

Address Date: 11/25/2003

Registration Information

06/04/2003 03-07074

Community Risk

Level III

06-92/CLARK CO, WA

RAPE 1



According to official documents, in 1992 Mr. Cross was convicted of Rape 1st degree in Clark County. Cross sexually assaulted a 69-year-old female in her home after breaking in by kicking in the front door. Cross has convictions for Failure to Comply, DWI, Obstructing, and driving on suspended license. Cross refused sex offender treatment while in prison.

The Kelso Police Department is releasing this information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender release when, at the discretion of the Agency and the Risk Assessment Committee, the information will enhance public safety and protection. The sex offender listed has served the sentence imposed by the courts and has advised the Kelso Police Dept. and the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office of their address. This Registered Offender is not wanted at this time. This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather it is our belief that an informed public is a safer public. Law enforcement agencies have no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live anywhere. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications. The Kelso Police Dept. can provide useful information on personal safety. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of this or any other offender, please call our office at 360-423-1270. You can find additional information about registered sex offenders at the Sheriff's web site www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/sheriff/rso/.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SELF-PROTECTION:

1. You and your children should be continually aware of who is around you. If they are unfamiliar to you, don't put yourself in jeopardy.
2. Be aware of where your children are. Try to establish a time share child watching effort for children playing in the neighborhood.
3. Establish neighborhood safe havens for children as well as adults.
4. Urge your children to play in the area of other children, and caution them to not go anywhere with strangers.
5. Plan methods of escape, routes of escape and methods of self protection