

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

SPANGLER, MARTIN CRAIG

W M 511 175 Gry Blu Age 74

200 BLOCK SW 6TH AVE , KELSO

Address Date: 01/31/2006

Registration Information

02/25/1992 92-02156

Community Risk

Level III

6-18-79/COWLITZ COUNTY, WA

Indecent Liberties



According to official documents, in 1994 Spangler was convicted of Child Molestation 2nd degree and Child Molestation 3rd degree (3 counts) in Cowlitz County. Spangler (age 61) had sexual contact with two known 13-year-old males. He was released from prison on these convictions on 08/18/05. Spangler was previously registered in Cowlitz County because of a 1979 conviction for Indecent Liberties. In that case Spangler (age 46) had sexual contact on numerous occasions with a known juvenile male. He was also convicted of Indecent Liberties in 1981 and of Indecent Liberties in 1976. In 2005 a Sexually Violent Predator Evaluation was conducted on Spangler. It was determined that Spangler does not meet the criteria as a Sexually Violent Predator as described in RCW 71.09. Spangler has participated in some sex offender treatment.

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