Dru Sjodin
National Sex Offender Public Website

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An Important Public Safety Resource
Registered sex offenders live, work, and attend school in our communities throughout the country. Access to this information can assist with keeping our families and the community safe. The U.S. Department of Justice has developed a tool to make it easier for the public to stay informed about the location of registered sex offenders.

A Valuable Tool

NSOPW is a valuable tool for parents, schools, caretakers, and employers—anyone seeking to educate themselves, their families, and communities about sex offenders, sexual abuse, and its prevention. As a safety resource, NSOPW provides access to registration information on sex offenders residing, working, and attending school within a particular community and identifies registered sex offenders in nearby states and communities as well. This information is especially helpful to people in communities located near adjoining state borders, as was the case with the young woman for whom the Website was named—Dru Sjodin of Grand Forks, North Dakota—who was kidnapped and murdered by a sex offender who crossed state lines to commit his crime. As an education and prevention resource, NSOPW assists the public by providing the facts about sexual abuse, ways of protecting themselves and loved ones from potential victimization, and resources for those seeking help.

Highlights of the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website

- One search provides comprehensive sex offender data from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, select U.S. territories, and certain federally recognized Indian tribes.
- Up-to-date information on registered sex offenders is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, free of charge.
- NSOPW allows for customized search options—by name, address, city, county, state, or Zip code.
- NSOPW can be accessed conveniently through the Internet.
- NSOPW contains sexual abuse education and prevention information and resources.
The Only Government System of Its Kind

Since its launch, NSOPW has been used by millions of people to identify sex offenders who may pose a threat. Using state-of-the-art technology, the Website serves to link public sex offender registries to one national search site securely and free of charge. With a single query, NSOPW will quickly and comprehensively return the results you need to be informed.

Helping Keep Our Communities Safe

Confirming the identity and whereabouts of known sex offenders is an important part of helping you safeguard yourself and loved ones from potential victimization. The U.S. Department of Justice recognized the need for communities to have timely and comprehensive access to information on registered sex offenders. As a result, the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) was created and, since 2005, has been providing real-time access to sex offender registration information across the country—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With just one inquiry from a single Website, anyone can access registered sex offender information for all 50 states, select U.S. territories, the District of Columbia, and certain federally recognized Indian tribes.

A Community Effort

NSOPW represents the concerted efforts of communities across the nation that are working together to keep our citizens safe. Through this partnership, NSOPW has become an unprecedented public safety resource for sharing information about sex offenders nationwide. It is a successful example of the value of working together for the safety of our communities.

All that is needed is an Internet-connected device.

To begin your search, visit www.NSOPW.gov
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