

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
Cowlitz County Sheriff



Offender Information

SHANK, ARTHUR LAWRENCE

W M 601 210 RED HAZ Age 46

TRANSIENT, Cowlitz County

Address Date: 7/18/2011

Registration Information

4/4/2011 11-3863

Community Risk

Level III

03/31/2000 PIERCE CO, WA

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According to official documents, on 01/10/00 in the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for the County of Pierce, Arthur Lawrence Shank, 10/05/64, plead guilty to Child Molestation in the 1st degree. Mr. Shank, aged 34, had sexual contact with a familial 9yo male. The victim stated Mr. Shank had penile/anal intercourse with him and he was forced to have penile/anal intercourse with Mr. Shank. Per Mr. Shank, he did not participate in sex offender treatment; he denies he committed the crime. Mr. Shank was arrested 09/04/1993 for Lewd and Lascivious Acts w/ a Child under 14yo. It appears that the charges were eventually dismissed but it is not completely clear. Mr. Shank has never participated in Sex Offender Treatment.

The Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office 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 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 Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office 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 360-577-3092. 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

More: www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/sheriff/rso/