

SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN



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This bulletin is part of the Greeley Police Department Sexually Violent Predator Community Notification Program. Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) requires local law enforcement to notify the community when a sex offender who meets the criteria for "Sexually Violent Predator" will be moving into and living in their community. Local law enforcement has no legal authority to prohibit sex offenders from living in a community.

Michael Lee Cowan meets the criteria for distinction as a Sexually Violent Predator and as such he is considered to pose a greater than normal risk to the community.



OFFENDER INFORMATION	
NAME:	MICHAEL LEE COWAN
AGE:	41 (DOB 10/06/1975)
DESCRIPTION:	W/M, 5'11" 201 LBS BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES
ADDRESS:	328 16 TH STREET GREELEY, CO 80631
OCCUPATION:	NONE
VEHICLES:	NONE

CONVICTION INFORMATION

Sex Assault on a Child/Position of Trust/Victim Under 15

Sex Assault on a Child/Position of Trust/Victim Under 15/Pattern

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUS: Cowan is currently on parole with Dean Kiahtipes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

As of December 7, 2016 Colorado has 18,321 registered sex offenders living in the state. There are 325 sex offenders registered with the Greeley Police Department. There are 194 offenders living in Colorado that have been evaluated and meet the criteria for Sexually Violent Predator, 5 of them live in Greeley. The status and locations of Sexually Violent Predators are posted on the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's website (<http://cbi.state.co.us>). Local websites for certain registered sex offenders can be accessed at www.greeleygov.com/police, www.weldsheriff.com or www.sotar.us.

For those impacted by sexual assault or trauma as a result of this notification, there are community resources to assist you. Those resources are; Greeley Police Victim's Services, 970-351-5345; Weld County Law Enforcement Victim's Services, 970-397-5935; Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy (SAVA), 970-506-4059 (Greeley), 970-472-4204 (Fort Collins), 970-472-4200 (Crisis Line) and A Kid's Place, 970-353-5970.

If you observe this offender or anyone else acting suspicious or inappropriate, call 911.

If you have any questions about the contents of the Community Notification Meeting, please contact Greeley SOR Managers, PST Nikki Bohm @ 970-350-9658 or Detective Mark Stumpf @ 970-350-9639.

Anyone who uses this information to harass, threaten or intimidate a registered sex offender, his/her family, or anyone involved in his/her management will be subject to criminal prosecution.

SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS AND PARENTS

- Though well-meaning, the advice “don’t talk to strangers” is ill-conceived. Most children are sexually abused by someone they already know, be it a family friend, a neighbor, a babysitter, a coach----even a family member.
- Pedophiles are notoriously personable with children and will go out of their way to put a child at ease. Even a complete stranger who engages a youngster in a friendly conversation can quickly become someone the child “knows.”
- When talking to children, avoid scary tactics. Explain that most adults would never do anything to hurt a child; those who prey on children are the exception.
- Teach your child basic sex education, i.e., the areas of the body covered by a bathing suit are private. Molesters admit that a child’s innocent curiosity and/or ignorance make that child easier to abuse.
- Establish that sexual advances from adults are against the law. This gives children the confidence to assert themselves with adults who seek to abuse them.
- Do not instruct children to “give Uncle Jimmy a kiss” or “Give Aunt Susan a hug.” Allow children to express affection on their own terms.
- Develop strong communication skills with your children. Explain the importance of reporting abuse to you or another trusted adult.
- Stress that there should be no secrets from you, especially those involving another adult.
- Make a strong effort to know your children’s friends and their families.
- Volunteer to chaperone extracurricular activities like Boy Scouts and sporting events, especially those involving overnight trips.
- Do not rely entirely on “The Buddy System.” While it may make children (and parents) feel safer, its effectiveness is questionable. In many instances, sisters, brothers, and playmates have been raped abducted, and even murdered together.
- Make a commitment to spend more time with your child; the lonely and attention-starved child is an easy target.
- Instruct children never to go with or get in a car with anyone, unless you have given them direct permission
- Above all, encourage children to recognize, trust, and follow their instincts and listen to your own instincts. If a situation or person makes you or your child uneasy, believe in your feelings and act on them.
- Make your child familiar with the common lures used by child molesters and abductors.