

CONSUMER BULLETIN

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SEX OFFENDER NOTICES

Homeowners throughout Colorado are finding notices taped to their doors stating that a known sex offender has moved into their neighborhood. The notice directs them to a website, www.neighborhoodredalert.com. The website offers for a fee to notify you when a sex offender moves into your neighborhood. The District Attorney's Office is receiving many calls from consumers who received a notice and are upset because there may be a sex offender in the neighborhood. For those considering purchasing the services of this website, we have two cautions:

1. A list of registered sex offenders and their locations is available from many police and sheriff departments free of charge. Go to your local law enforcement website or call them for information on sex offenders in your area. A list of registered sex offenders in the state of Colorado is also available at www.sor.state.co.us. Again this service is free and the site is maintained by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

2. The lists of sex offenders maintained by law enforcement agencies are accurate and up-to-date. When we used the Neighborhood Red Alert website to search for new offenders who had moved into the neighborhood near our office, the four addresses listed were all the same, and the address was not identifiable on the Red Alert website, but in fact was for the Arapahoe County Jail.

An advisory bulletin for consumers from the District Attorney for
the 18th Judicial District,
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