



A Partnership for Victim Safety

The Office of Victim Advocate and Pennsylvania State Police launched a new partnership that now ensures all victims receive timely notifications when a sexually violent predator is identified by the courts.

The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) assigned responsibility to state police to notify victims when a sexually violent predator registers with the Megan’s Law Unit and when the offender changes his or her address or place of employment.

“This specific victim notification regarding sexually violent predators didn’t fall under the responsibility of the Office of Victim Advocate as all other post-sentencing notifications do,” said Jennifer Storm. “Our office helps crime victims every day by providing ongoing services after sentencing, therefore it makes sense that we assist in making these notifications.”

Through a Memorandum of Understanding the OVA now has access to the PA Sex Offender Registration Tool to identify victims and notify them throughout the criminal justice process in a timely and sensitive manner. Since the inception of the collaboration, the OVA has been able to contact an additional **3,050** victims and offer them their services.

“OVA is uniquely situated to perform this notification for the benefit of victims,” said Captain Scott Price, PSP. “When they offered to assist with the notification process we were more than happy to cooperate.”

On December 20, 2011, Senate Bill 1183 also known as the “Adam Walsh Bill” was signed into law, bringing the Commonwealth into compliance with The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act. This new law referred to as SORNA, the Sex Offender Registration Notification Act, requires the Pennsylvania State Police to make notifications to crime victims upon the courts determination that an offender is a Sexually Violent Predator.



OVA AND PSP

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Ensuring all crime victims receive timely notification of the whereabouts of Sexually Violent Predators.

- Victims Acknowledged
- Victims Informed
- Victims Empowered

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