

Notification to Campus Level III Sexual Offender

Fall 2026 Quarter

Note: **The person shown below is not wanted for any current offense.** The notification is provided under the Sex Offender Notification Act to alert the public to a convicted sex offender that is believed to be a **high risk** to re-offend. This notification is not provided as punishment for the offender and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department will investigate any action by anyone as retribution towards the offender. Should you have any questions about this bulletin, or about the Sex Offender Registration Act, please contact: The Pierce County Sheriff's Office 253-798-7530 Sex Offender information is also available at www.piercesheriff.org.

Offender Background Summary

Not available.



Joseph Carl Townsend

Race: White

Sex: Male

Age: 53

Height: 5'09"

Weight: 200lbs.

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Hazel

Scars/Tattoos:

Scar on L_but (8")

Tattoo on L_Shoulder
(Denise)

Scar on R_wrist ()

Scar on L_Shoulder ()

Scar on Chest ()

Offenses:

- Rape of a child in the first degree, 1995

Sex offender laws allow for the tracking of offenders. The laws do not control the location of where and offender chooses to live or where they choose to obtain education.

In Washington state there are over 20,000 convicted sex offenders eligible for registration. There are currently over 2,600 registered sex offenders in Pierce County.



This information is meant to educate you about offenders in our community. It has not been made available for you to act against any individual. Please report all information on offenders directly to law enforcement. Those individuals seeking to harass, harm or confront an offender can be arrested and prosecuted. If you have a question, contact the Pierce County Sheriff's Office at 253-798-7530