

# Sex Offender Community Information Meeting

**DATE OF MEETING:** Wednesday, November 6th

**TIME OF MEETING:** 6:00 pm

**PLACE OF MEETING:** McFarland Community Room, 5915 Milwaukee St. McFarland WI

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:** To provide information to the citizens of McFarland regarding community notification practices as well as the return of a convicted sex offender to the McFarland area. In the event you are unable to or opt not to attend the meeting, information regarding this offender along with answers to frequently asked questions are included in this mailing. Below is information related to a sex offender recently placed in McFarland:

**Name:** Michael Tufano  
**Age:** 45 years old  
**Race:** White  
**Sex:** Male  
**Height:** 6' 2"  
**Weight:** 215 lbs.  
**Hair:** Brown  
**Eyes:** Blue  
**Residence:** 5502 Valley Dr. McFarland  
**Photo Date:** 10/17/2013



Mr. Tufano's criminal record indicates the sexual assault of four victims between the years 1998 and 2000, ranging in age from 12-15 years of age. Additionally:

- All four victims were male
- All four victims were known to Mr. Tufano, meaning that they were acquaintances of his. Information indicates that the victims were children of family friends.

Restrictions:

- Is on GPS monitoring
- Numerous rules of conduct governing the behavior of sex offenders
- On Department of Corrections supervision until October 2016.
- Excluded from:
  - Daycares
  - Schools / School grounds
  - Public Library
  - Youth Center

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Under what circumstances is the public notified of the release of a sex offender into the community and how is the community notified?

The most common means of notification to the public is the Wisconsin Sex Offender Website. It was created expressly for the purpose of providing the public with access to information regarding the release of offenders into the community.

In instances in which an offender poses a significant risk to a community, the Department of Corrections may issue a Special Bulletin Notice (SBN) to law enforcement. A law enforcement agency's receipt of an SBN serves as a mechanism to initiate a local decision-making process to determine the level, scope and method of community notification, if determined necessary. In instances in which an SBN is not issued, local law enforcement generally does not issue a community notification.

Two statutory criteria exist for the issuance of an SBN by the Department of Corrections:

- All individuals committed under Chapter 980 (Sexually Violent Persons Law)
- All cases where the offender has been convicted of a sex offense, as defined by crimes requiring registration, on two (2) or more separate occasions, if released from a Wisconsin correctional facility.

**2. Why was there not a notification of Mr. Tufano's placement?**

In Mr. Tufano's case, an SBN was not issued to local law enforcement because his case did not meet the statutory criteria for issuance.

**3. How will Mr. Tufano be monitored?**

As previously indicated, Mr. Tufano is currently on GPS monitoring. In the event that he should venture into a restricted area, local law enforcement is immediately notified and officers would respond. He is also under community supervision by the Department of Corrections until October of 2016.

Additionally, the McFarland Police Department conducts its own sex offender compliance checks throughout the year, and also monitors the Sex Offender Website for any changes in location or status.

**4. Why is this offender being released into my neighborhood?**

When offenders are released from prison, they usually return to live in the same area of the state where they lived when they committed their crime. For many offenders, this is also the county where they were convicted. Sometimes, though, offenders are released to another area because they have family support there, or there is treatment available there that is not available elsewhere, or they have found a job in the area that will lead to a productive lifestyle. For offenders who are on supervision, decisions about where the offender lives are made on a case-by-case basis. Local law enforcement has no say in this decision making process.

**5. What should parents tell their children about sex offenders?**

Avoid scary details. Parents may know more than their children need to know. Keep information general, as it may protect them from others who would try to harm them as well. Explain the importance of avoiding dangerous situations in general, rather than trying to teach them how to be safe from just the one person they know about. Almost 90 percent of all sex crimes are committed by someone known to the victim; family members commit many of those incidents. Some basic points to tell children about a particular offender:

- Don't accept a ride from the offender.
- Don't go into the home or yard of the offender.
- Tell your parents if this person offers you toys, money or gifts.
- Try to use the buddy system when children play outdoors.
- Call 911 if your parents aren't home and this offender approaches you.

**6. What is GPS?**

Global Positioning System (GPS) is used to establish offender location and to track offender movement. GPS will serve as a supervision tool to provide risk control and surveillance of offenders who meet specific selection criteria. Offenders who are placed on GPS will adhere to a mandated curfew schedule and will be monitored electronically by the use of equipment designed specifically for that purpose.