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**TO:** All Principals

Site Administrators

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## SUBJECT: SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION

The California Department of Justice has publicly released its searchable Megan's Law Database. This site will provide you with access to information on more than 63,000 persons required to register in California as sex offenders. Specific home addresses are displayed on more than 33,500 offenders in the California communities; as to these persons, the site displays the last registered address reported by the offender. An additional 30,500 offenders are included on the site with listing by zip code, city and county, but is known to law enforcement personnel.

To access the sex offender information web page, go to <a href="http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/">http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/</a>. In addition to this new system, a computer connected to the Department of Justice intranet system is still available for public viewing. This system is updated every 24 hours and provides registered sex offender's name, aliases, photograph, physical description and their residence zip code. It is available in 13 different languages. The Department of Justice intranet system is available at the Police Administration Building located at 5770 Freeport Blvd.

The release of this information to the public is a means of assuring public protection and not to punish the offender. The information may not be used to harass the offender or commit any crime against the offender. Public safety is best served when offenders are not concealing their location to avoid harassment.

Should you have any questions, please call Sergeant Vince Matranga at 643-7444 or 752-3620.