



Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia

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The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) has assumed the functions of sex offender registration in the District of Columbia. A sex offenders registration act, "Megan's Law", was first enacted in 1997. The "Sex Offender Registration Act of 1999" (Act), effective July 11, 2000, authorized CSOSA to assume the duties of registration upon the agency's certifying its preparedness.

The Act requires CSOSA to maintain a registry of all convicted sex offenders who reside, work or attend school in the District of Columbia. The registry contains the following offender information: * known aliases, * date of birth, * sex, * race, * height, * weight, * eye color, * identifying marks and characteristics, * driver's license number, * social security number, * MPD identification number, * DC Department of Corrections identification number, * Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) number, * home address or expected place of residence, * any current or expected place of employment, and * school attendance. CSOSA will also maintain each offender's photograph and fingerprints. This information is maintained by CSOSA and provided to the FBI and the MPD. Failure to register can result in additional felony penalties.

On October 2, 2000, CSOSA Interim Director Jasper Ormond certified to Metropolitan Police Department Chief Charles Ramsey that CSOSA was ready to assume the registration functions and stated, "I am confident that through a continuing partnership between CSOSA and MPD, public safety will be enhanced by the implementation of the Sex Offender registry. This will be accomplished without unduly infringing upon privacy rights of individuals subject to registration."