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Sex Offender Level III Notification Date: 03/29/18

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.50, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public when the release of information will enhance public safety and protection. The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex offense that requires registration with the Sheriff's Office. Further, their previous history places them in a classification level that reflects the potential to re-offend. The individual served the sentence imposed by the court and has properly notified the Sheriff's Office of their current address. The law does not require this offender to do anything other than register. THEY ARE NOT WANTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THIS TIME. THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Detective Jamey McGinty or Field Operations Chief Bruce Kimsey at 360-748-9286. Check online at <u>http://www.sheriffalerts.com</u>.



Name: Steven Scott Knittle Address: Transient Age: 51 Height: 5'4" Weight: 200 Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue Sex: Male Race: White

<u>Synopsis of Information</u>: Documentation shows Knittle has been convicted of several sexual offenses with the most recent being three counts of Indecent Exposure to a person under 14 years of age and 2 counts of Indecent Exposure with Sexual Motivation. He was convicted on 11/10/98 in Lewis County Superior Court. The crimes involved Knittle exposing his

genitals to a group of three teenagers and two toddlers. The group included both boys and girls. As a result of the conviction he was sentenced to 24 months in prison. He has a long history of committing Indecent Exposures that include convictions in 1992, 1995, and 1997. He also has a Lewd Conduct conviction in 1995. Because of the continued criminal behavior of this individual he presents a high risk to reoffend and this community notification is being made.

Using this public information to threaten, intimidate or harass sex offenders will not be tolerated by the law enforcement agencies of Lewis County. This abuse could potentially terminate our ability to release this important information to the public.