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Sex Offender Level III Notification

Date: 03/27/17

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. www.sheriffalerts.com.



Name: Ernest Ray Pries

Address: 2100 block of US Hwy 12, Ethel, WA

Age: 63

Height: 5'9" Weight: 310 Hair: Black Eyes: Blue

Sex: Male Race: White

Synopsis of Information: In 2008, Pries was convicted in Lewis County Superior Court of Luring with Sexual Motivation. The crime involved Pries having contact with a young teenage male that included acts that were of a sexual manner. As a result of that conviction, Pries was sentenced to 18 months in prison. He was released on 02/09/09. In 1985, Pries was involved in the same type of behavior, also involving a young teenage male. That case was not charged, but handled as a probation violation related to non-sexual felony conviction. Based on his continued predatory behavior, he has been identified as a clear risk to the community and

this notification is required.

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.