



## Idaho Sheriffs' Association

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **OFFENDER WATCH® A SEX OFFENDER MAPPING SERVICE AIDS CITIZENS IN AVOIDING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS HOMES**

*Boise, Idaho*-With Halloween right around the corner, it is crucial that you know which houses your children should avoid when trick-or-treating. ISA invites you to view our website [www.idahosheriffs.org](http://www.idahosheriffs.org), to research neighborhoods and addresses that are important to you. While visiting our website you can also view and print important safety tips to review with your children.

It is the goal of the Idaho Sheriffs' Association to provide accurate information to the public regarding the dangers of sexual predators, and to further build community awareness. To help us achieve this goal we utilize OffenderWatch® to manage and monitor the registered offender's whereabouts, as well as conduct compliance checks of known addresses within Idaho's communities. OffenderWatch® is the nation's leading sex offender management and community notification tool. Idaho counties began using this software solution in 2011 and it was implemented statewide in 2013.

While on probation or parole, sex offenders are required to keep their porch lights turned off the night of Halloween. In addition, they are not to answer the door. For the safety of you, your children, and the registered sex offender, if the porch light is not on, do not trick-or-treat at this residence.

"Community Notification" empowers you with the knowledge that can be used to protect yourself and your family from becoming victims. I firmly believe that the more educated and aware a community is of what and where the dangers lurk, the more success we have with our community notification program.

The Idaho Sheriffs' Association wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween.

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