

# SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN


<b>AGENCY: Adams County Sheriff's Office</b>			
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<b>AGENCY CASE#:</b>	<b>BULLETIN#:</b> 2018-2	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Nancy Venard	
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THE Adams County Sheriff's Office IS RELEASING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PURSUANT TO COLORADO REVISED STATUTES 16-13-901 THROUGH 16-13-905, WHICH AUTHORIZES LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A SEX OFFENDER'S RELEASE WHEN THE OFFENDER HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR AND IS SUBJECT TO COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTIFICATION IS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION. VIGILANTISM, OR USE OF THIS INFORMATION TO HARASS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IS CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED: THE OFFENDER, THE OFFENDER'S SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, AND THE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION TEAM.

FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF THIS BULLETIN BY CITIZENS IS DISCOURAGED. ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS NEEDING INFORMATION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

THE INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT OF THIS NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A SEX OFFENSE THAT REQUIRES LAW ENFORCEMENT REGISTRATION. FURTHER, THEY HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO PRESENT A HIGH POTENTIAL TO RE-OFFEND AND ARE THEREFORE SUBJECT TO COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION REGARDING THEIR RESIDENCE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

THIS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DIRECT WHERE A SEX OFFENDER MAY LIVE. UNLESS COURT RESTRICTIONS EXIST, THEY ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY FREE TO LIVE WHEREVER THEY CHOOSE. SEX OFFENDERS HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT THEY WERE NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR RESIDENCE UNTIL REGISTRATION LAWS WERE IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO THE JACOB WETTERLING ACT IN 1994. LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY NOW SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND IN THE CASE OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS, LAW ENFORCEMENT MUST ACTIVELY NOTIFY CITIZENS.

	<b>SUBJECT NAME:</b>		
	JOSE LUIS TAPIA		
	<b>OTHER NAME(S) USED:</b>		
	TAPIA, JOSE L;		
	<b>DOB:</b> 03-17-1983	<b>RACE:</b> WHITE	<b>SEX:</b> MALE
<b>HT:</b> 5'11"	<b>WT:</b> 194	<b>HAIR:</b> Black	<b>EYE:</b> Brown
<b>SCARS/MARKS/TATTOOS/GLASSES:</b>			
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<b>RESIDENCE ADDRESS:</b>	
7530 BROADWAY ST. #303, DENVER, CO	
<b>OCCUPATION:</b>	<b>NAME OF WORKPLACE:</b>
NONE	NONE
<b>WORKPLACE ADDRESS:</b>	
NONE	
<b>VEHICLE INFORMATION:</b>	
2004 DODGE DURANGO, MAROON IN COLOR; 2003 GMC ENVOY, BLUE IN COLOR	
<b>OFFENSE(S) OF CONVICTION:</b>	
2015- Attempt Sexual Assault on a Child; 2010 – Internet Luring of a Child; 2008 – Sexual Contact-No Consent	
<b>ALL OTHER CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS:</b>	
<b>RELEVANT CONDITIONS OF RELEASE: N/A</b>	
<b>SEX OFFENDING PATTERN INFORMATION (DO NOT IDENTIFY VICTIM):</b>	
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUS: N/A</b>	
<b>SUPERVISING OFFICER OR DOC CONTACT:</b>	
Jacqueline Brown - Parole	<b>PHONE:</b> 1-800-426-9120

THERE ARE 18,910 SEX OFFENDERS REGISTERED IN COLORADO, 462 IN Unincorporated Adams COUNTY, Colorado.

THE Adams County Sheriff's Office IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION REGARDING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND PERSONAL SAFETY, AND TO MAKE REFERRALS TO OTHER LOCAL RESOURCES TO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY SEXUAL ASSAULT OR THIS NOTIFICATION PROCESS. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF THIS OR ANY OTHER OFFENDER, PLEASE CALL 911 OR 720-322-1202. IF YOU OBSERVE THIS OFFENDER ENGAGING IN ANY HIGH-RISK OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR,

PLEASE CONTACT THIS AGENCY OR HIS/HER SUPERVISING OFFICER Adams County Sheriff's Office Detective Division AT PHONE 720-322-1202.

**SVP COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN, FORM#**



# Information on Sexually Violent Predator

Jose Luis Tapia  
3-17-1983

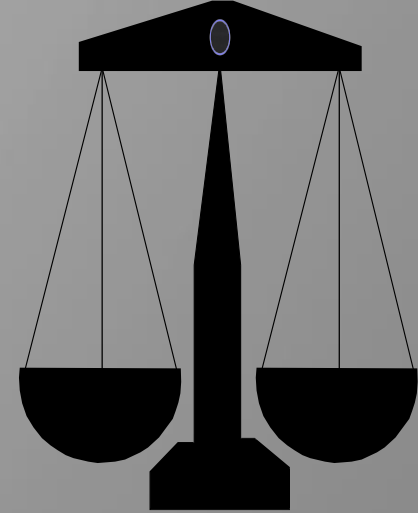


**PRESENTED BY THE  
ADAMS COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
SEX OFFENDER  
REGISTRATION UNIT**

# Colorado Sex Offender Legislation

- ❑ The legislature determined that Sexually Violent Predators (SVP) by definition pose a higher risk to the community at large and therefore mandated that upon their release from Department of Corrections (DOC), the community must be notified.
- ❑ An SVP maybe be more likely to be arrested for a violent crime within five years upon release from DOC.

# Sex Offender Legislative History



## ▣ National Sex Offender Legislation

Jacob Wetterling Act 1994

Requires states to implement a sex offender and crimes against children registry.

Megan's Law 1996

Requires states to establish a community notification system.

# Sex Offender Legislative History

## National Sex Offender Legislation

### Pam Lychner Act 1996

Requires lifetime registration for recidivists and offenders who commit certain aggravated offenses.

### Adam Walsh Act of 2006

Expanded The National Sex Offender Registry.  
strengthened federal penalties.  
made It harder For sexual predators to reach our children on the internet.  
Background checks of adoptive and foster parents.

# Community Notification in Colorado

Occurs 2 ways in Colorado:

1. Passive and ongoing: through the sex offender registration process
2. Active: via Community Notification for those sex offenders determined by the courts to be Sexually Violent Predators (SVPs)

# Sex Offender Characteristics

- ▣ Most sex offenders engage in CROSSOVER behavior.
- ▣ Many sex offenders have NO criminal history.
- ▣ There is no “typical” sex offender, but all tend to be deceptive, manipulative, & secretive.
- ▣ 80-95% of sex offenses are committed by someone known to victim.
- ▣ Sexual deviancy often begins in adolescence.
- ▣ Sex offenses are not impulsive, they are usually carefully planned.
- ▣ Most sex offenders are male , only 4% are female



# Containment Approach

*Criminal Justice Supervision*



*Community Members*

# Community Responsibility

- The community has vested interest in helping the offender be successfully managed in the community
- Sex offenders have the same need for housing & employment as other citizens
- Harassment is counter-productive to goals of community management & may cause the offender to go underground
- ***ANY CITIZEN WHO USES THIS INFORMATION TO HARASS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE THE OFFENDER WILL BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION***

# Facts & Statistics About Sex Offenders

- ▣ There are nearly 400,000 sex offenders across the United States
- ▣ As of 1-25-2018 there are approximately 18,910 registered sex offenders in Colorado.
- ▣ As of 1-25-2018 there are approximately 206 SVP's on the website.
- ▣ As of 1-25-2018, there are approximately 462 registered sex offenders in unincorporated Adams County Colorado
- ▣ Approximately 65% of convicted sex offenders are placed on probation in CO., (rest to DOC & community corrections.)
- ▣ Offenders may be caught for one type of offense, & be at high risk to commit another type.
- ▣ Crime of conviction is only one indicator of risk.

# Facts & Statistics About Sex Offending (Cont'd)

- ▣ Majority of sex offenders are not caught or detected.
- ▣ Less than 16% of sex assaults are EVER reported.
- ▣ In Co., 1 in 150 women & 1 in 830 men have been sex assault victims in the past 12 months, 16% were reported to police, 1 in 4 women & 1 in 17 men have been sex assault victims in their lifetimes.  
(CDPHE, CCASA 1999)

# Impact on Victims of Sex Offenses

- ❑ Victims exhibit many different responses: crying, angry, quiet, withdrawn. No “normal” response.
- ❑ Sex assault by someone known to victim creates a more difficult recovery.
- ❑ Victims often develop post-traumatic stress disorder.
- ❑ Long-term effects include; depression, anxiety, eating disorders, flashbacks, divorce, loss of sexual interest, loss of concentration, sleeping disorders, and suicide.
- ❑ Male victims tend to develop anti-social behaviors; females tend to develop depression; both can develop substance abuse problems.
- ❑ Responses are minimized when victims are believed & supported.

# Sex Offender Registration List

- ❑ Full list is available by contacting the Adams County Sheriff's Office Records Section at 720-322-1313
- ❑ Felons and those with multiple convictions are posted on the Internet at <http://www.sotar-us/sotar-public/initpublicoffendersearchredirect.do>

# **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR**

**Jose Luis Tapia**  
**DOB: 03-17-1983**

**Physical Description**  
**W/M, 5'11, 194 lbs**  
**Blk Hair, Bro Eyes**



# Brief History and Change of Status

**Jose Luis Tapia**

▣ **Conviction**

- 1) Sexual Contact-No Consent**
- 2) Internet Luring of a Child**
- 3) Attempt Sexual Assault on a Child**





# Determined to be an SVP

This is a legal term established by federal legislation  
(The SVP must meet **FOUR** separate criteria.)

## Criteria of SVP

1: Age 18 or older on the date of the offense or under 18 and tried as an adult



Jose Luis Tapia

1. Sexual Contact-No Consent
2. Internet Luring of a Child
3. Attempt Sexual Assault on  
A Child

## Criteria for SVP

2. The crime must have been committed on or after July 1, 1997 and convicted on or after July 1, 1999.

*A. Sexual Assault*

*B. Unlawful Sexual Contact (felony)*

*C. Sexual Assault on a child*

*D. Sexual Assault on a child/Position of Trust*

Includes:

Attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation

**Jose Luis Tapia**

**2007 - Sexual Contact-No  
Consent**

**2010 - Internet Luring of A  
Child**

**2015 - Attempt Sexual  
Assault on a Child**



# Determined to be an SVP

## Criteria for SVP

3. The relationship to the victim must have been:

- A. A stranger to the offender.
- B. The offender actively manipulated the environment to gain access to the victim.
- C. The offender introduced sexual content into the relationship.
- D. The offender persisted in the introduction of sexual content or inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature despite lack of consent or in the absence of consent.

**Jose Luis Tapia**



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## Criteria for SVP

4: Positive results, or the “passing of a risk assessment instrument”, which includes

- an assessment for the presence of: mental abnormality;
- level of denial regarding the offense;
- treatment appropriateness and motivation;
- presence of sexual deviant interests.
- Administered by:
  - Probation/parole staff AND a qualified treatment evaluator, approved by the SOMB

Jose Luis Tapia was evaluated by Parole and found to have “positive results”



# Jose Luis Tapia On Parole

## Registered Sexual Offender

- Must be registered as a sex offender
- Must reside at the residence registered with local law enforcement

# Jose Luis Tapia On Parole

- ▣ Must register with the Adams County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registration Unit
  - Quarterly
  - Lifetime
  
- ▣ Residence is verified quarterly by the Sex Offender Registration Unit

# Community Protection and Safety Issues

SVP's Do Not Represent  
All Dangerous Sex Offenders,

The Community Notification Process and Sex Offender Registration are Not a Complete Deterrent to Sexual Assault.

*Please Refer to your Safety Tips*

# Please remember...

- ▣ Vigilantism, harassment, threats or intimidation of the offender is counter-productive to the best interests and safety of the community. We want the offender to be:
  - ▣ Registered and visible in the community
  - ▣ Not underground
- ▣ Such activity is criminal and will be investigated and the actor will be subject to prosecution



# Additional Resources

- Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI)  
<http://sor.state.co.us/>
- Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website:  
<http://www.nsopw.gov/Core/Conditions.aspx>
- National Sexual Assault Hotline at:  
800-656-HOPE
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
<http://www.missingkids.com>
- The Center for Sex Offender Management website:  
<http://www.csom.org>

# Community Notification

Informed Communities Are  
Safer Communities

(SOMB 12/06)