



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN LEVEL 2 NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE

**DETECTIVE: KELLER**

**PHONE: 625-4244**

The Spokane Police Department is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offenders release when; in the discretion of the agency, 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 Spokane County Sheriff's Department. Further, their previous criminal history places them in a classification level which reflects the potential to re-offend. This sex offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts and has advised the Spokane County Sheriff's Department that he/she will be living in the location below. HE/SHE IS NOT WANTED BY THE POLICE AT THIS TIME, UNLESS NOTED BELOW. THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC. The Spokane Police Department has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he chooses. Sex offenders have always lived in our communities; but it wasn't until passage of the Community Protection Act of 1990 (which mandates sex offender registration) that law enforcement even knew where they were living. In many cases, law enforcement is now able to share that information with you. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Further, such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications. We believe the only person who wins if community notification ends is the sex offender, since sex offenders derive their power through secrecy. The Spokane Police Department Sexual Exploitation Unit is available to help you set up block watches and to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The S.E.U. may be reached at 625-4239 or 625-4244.



**Name:** FERGER CLAUDE  
**Address:** 327½ W 2nd  
**DOB:** 2/16/42  
**HAIR:** GRAY **EYES:** HAZEL  
**HT:** 5'9" **WT:** 165 LBS.  
**DOC#:** 791347

**FERGER WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON 09/04/04, AFTER SERVING FIVE YEARS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE RAPE. THE VICTIM WAS A 24 YEAR OLD, DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MALE. FERGER WAS EMPLOYED AS A CAREGIVER AT A LICENSED ADULT FAMILY HOME WHEN THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OCCURRED.**

Level I Offender  -- Low risk to the community from known information  
 Level II Offender  -- Moderate risk to the community from known information  
 Level III Offender  -- High risk to the community from known information

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