



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DRU SJODIN NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER PUBLIC WEBSITE

**SMART** Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring,  
Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

[WWW.NSOPW.GOV](http://WWW.NSOPW.GOV)

## AN IMPORTANT SAFETY RESOURCE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, STATES, TRIBES, TERRITORIES, AND OUR NATION

Protecting our children and adults from potentially preventable, tragic, and cruel acts by sex offenders is vital to the well-being of society. Real-time access to sex offender registration information is essential for keeping our communities safe. The U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) provides immediate access to all jurisdictions (including states, territories, the District of Columbia, and certain federally recognized Indian tribes) with sex offender registries—all with one query from a single Website.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF [WWW.NSOPW.GOV](http://WWW.NSOPW.GOV)

- Accessible from any Web-capable computer.
- Round-the-clock Website availability with up-to-date information on registered sex offenders.
- One search provides comprehensive sex offender data from all participating jurisdictions.
- Allows for a variety of search options: by name, state, county, city, or zip codes.

### ABOUT THE WEBSITE

The Website, initially known as the National Sex Offender Public Registry, was renamed by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 in honor of 22-year-old college student Dru Sjodin of Grand Forks, North Dakota, a young woman who was kidnapped and murdered by a sex offender who crossed state lines to commit his crime.

The Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) provides an opportunity for jurisdictions to participate in an unprecedented public safety resource by sharing public sex offender data nationwide, working collaboratively for the safety of both adults and children. It is the only government system that exists to link public state, territory, and tribal sex offender registries from one national search site. Since its launch in the summer of 2005, millions of parents, employers, and other concerned residents have utilized the Website as a safety resource, identifying location information on sex offenders residing, working, and going to school not only in their own neighborhoods but in other nearby states and communities as well. With a single query—based on a name, state, county, city, or zip code—the Website searches sex offender registries in all participating jurisdictions and provides matching information.

### AN EFFECTIVE AND AFFORDABLE TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY

Utilizing the convenience of the Internet, NSOPW promotes public safety by using currently available public sex offender data from existing official sex offender registries. This innovative strategy requires no special certifications, training, or fees for users and allows states, territories, tribes, and local agencies to retain control over their data.

The technology for the Website is relatively simple: utilizing Web services and DOJ's XML implementations—the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model—to establish a link between already built and maintained public jurisdictions' sex offender registries and the national search site at [www.nsopw.gov](http://www.nsopw.gov).

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ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCES—OUR CHILDREN.