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ALLEGANY COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN NOW RECEIVE ELECTRONIC SEX OFFENDER ALERTS

Sheriff Tompkins announces that Allegany County residents are eligible to sign up online to receive e-mail alerts, text messages or faxes notifying them whenever a so-called moderate risk, known as a Level 2 or high risk, Level 3 sex offender listed on the public subdirectory moves into or out of the community.

Residents may sign up for e-mail notifications at www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us, or visit the DCJS web site for more information.

Those registering with NY-ALERT for the first time must establish an account with NY-ALERT by entering the first and last name, a password, a primary e-mail address, and answer a "challenge question" to be used in case the password is forgotten.

Once the initial registration is completed, the e-mail address will be validated and a "sign-up wizard" will take you through each step to establish a basic NY-ALERT account. You will then need to provide additional contact information -- e-mail addresses, cell phone numbers, land-line phone numbers, and either a home or business address.

When the NY-ALERT account is established, you will have your own "My Alerts-Home" web page. Click the "Add Notification" icon to bring up a page with a "Sex Offender Re-Location Alerts" icon. Click on "Sex-Offender Re-Location Alerts" and you will be able to choose three areas for which you would like to receive Sex Offender Re-Location Alerts.

You may register up to three areas - either by county/municipality, zip code, specific address, or any combination of those three options that you would like to receive sex offender relocation alerts on medium and high-risk offenders. If a specific address is selected, a radius around that address, ranging from a quarter-mile to 25 miles, also must be selected.

After you've added your specific locations, you will be asked to confirm them, and you will be able to select how you would like to receive the alerts: e-mail, text message or fax.