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Nine Sex Offenders Face Charges for Violations

Barre, Vermont, July 3, 2009 – OUR House of Central Vermont announced that a sex offender registry compliance check took place on June 22 and 23 in Washington County.

Officers from the Barre City, Barre Town, and Montpelier Police Departments, the Department of Corrections, the Federal Marshal, and the Vermont State Police joined in the county-wide sweep to verify the 116 registered sex offenders living in Washington County were complying with Vermont's sex offender registry laws.

The sweep netted 9 sex offenders who will be issued citations to appear in Washington District Court to answer for their non-compliance.

David Frey, Director of OUR House said "Thanks to the leadership of Chief Bombardier of Barre City and all the agencies who provided the people to conduct the checks, we've been able to assure that the vast majority of the registered sex offenders living in Washington County are complying with Vermont's registry requirements."

Act 1, signed into law on March 4, immediately made special investigative units responsible for investigation of violations of Vermont's sex offender registry requirements¹. "Just three months later, thanks to support from our partner agencies, we were able to perform this service to our community." Frey said. "The quick response to our request for this compliance check proves just how committed our local law enforcement agencies are to keeping Central Vermont safe."

About OUR House

OUR House of Central Vermont is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1989 to provide a safe and supportive environment to assist victims, adult survivors, and families in the discovery, intervention, healing, and prevention of child sexual abuse. The letters "OUR" in the corporate name form an acronym for "one unified response." In July 2008, OUR House was proud to become the Special Investigative Unit for Washington County expanding the victims it serves to include adult victims of sexual assault and child physical abuse. Vermont's Special Investigative Units will eventually respond to cases of domestic violence and crimes against victims with physical or mental disabilities.

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¹ 13 V.S.A. §5415