

PROBATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF "SERIOUS" OR "HIGH RISK" SEX OFFENDER DESIGNATION

The California Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for continually compiling information regarding persons required to register under California Penal Code (PC) Section 290. The DOJ, as the only agency authorized to update a sex offender's classification status, designates registered sex offenders as either: "High-Risk Sex Offender" (includes sexually violent predator), "Serious Sex Offender" or "Other Registered Sex Offender".

The DOJ updates and stores sex offender classification information in the following database resources, which are available to Los Angeles County Probation Staff:

- The Violent Criminal Information Network (VCIN)
- The Supervised Release File (SRF)
- The DOJ Megan's Law Unit also updates the CD-ROM that identifies sex offenders. The CD-ROM is provided on a monthly basis to Law Enforcement entities throughout the state.

Information stored in VCIN and SRF is updated on a daily basis. Therefore VCIN and SRF are considered more reliable for routine verification purposes. Sex offender information stored in SRF is available through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS). Deputy Probation Officers (DPO) may verify Sex Offender Classification via SRF, as follows:

- (1) Enter "IMS" on the secure "CLETS" screen
- (2) Enter "/FOR SFNUCLTS"
- (3) Enter "OP Code", Employee Number, and "Probationer's CII Number" on the SFNUCLT screen

A similar inquiry may be made using the VCIN inquiry screen in JDIC.

If SRF or VCIN do not contain a sex offender classification for a probationer required to register under PC 290, the DOJ "Megan's Law Unit," at (916) 227-3497, may be contacted for clarification.

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