

**Coventry Police Department
SEX OFFENDER FACT SHEET
NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE IN RHODE ISLAND**



RISK LEVEL THREE (HIGH RISK OFFENDER)	In additional to Level 1 & 2 notifications (law enforcement agencies, victims, witnesses, schools, daycare centers and organizations likely to encounter the offender) law enforcement may notify individual community members who are likely to encounter the offender.
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The Police Department named above is releasing the following information pursuant to RI General Laws §11-37.1-1 et seq., also known as the Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act. This individual is subject to community notification of his pending release pursuant to RI General Laws §11-37.1-12 of the Act, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender's release from prison when the Sex Offender Board of Review determines that the release of information will enhance public safety and protection. The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct or other statutes which requires the individual to register with law enforcement pursuant to RI Gen. Laws §11-37.1 et seq of the Act.

This offender is not wanted by the police at this time and has served the sentence imposed on him by the court. This notification is not to increase fear in the community. It is the belief of law enforcement that an informed public is a safe public.

No agency, including any Law Enforcement Agency or any state agency, may direct where the offender does or does not reside, nor can these agencies direct where he works or goes to school. The risk level of this offender has been determined based largely on his potential to re-offend. Sex offenders have always lived in our communities; but it was not until passage of the Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act that law enforcement even knew where they were living. In many cases, law enforcement is now able to share information with you. Abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered offenders will not be tolerated and may be a crime. Further, such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications. We believe that if community notification ends because of community harassment, the only person who wins is the sex offender, since sex offenders derive their power through secrecy.

The Coventry Police Department is available to help you by providing you with useful information on personal safety. The Coventry Police Department may be reached at (401) 826-1100. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of this or any other offender, please call 911.

Name of Offender:	JOSEPH OAKES	DOB:	04/29/90	Age:	28
Description of	Hair color: BROWN	Height:	5'08"	Race:	White
	Eye color: HAZEL	Weight:	165	Sex:	Male

Resides in Area of: 1Allison Avenue, Coventry, RI 02816 (Central Coventry)

Convicted of: 3rd Degree Sexual Assault. Victim was a 14 year old female that the offender met on Facebook. Possession of Child Pornography.

Probation Expires: 10/08/2020 with lifetime registration.

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