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DPS targets Most Wanted Sex Offenders

In an effort to enlist the public's help in apprehending dangerous sex offenders who are currently fugitives, DPS is instituting the Texas Ten Most Wanted Sex Offenders program.

The program identifies violent sex offenders who have either violated parole or failed to comply with sex offender registration. These offenders are now fugitives and are considered a threat to our communities. Some of the victims of these sex offenders were children.

DPS along with its local and federal partners will actively pursue these sex offenders. The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office has authorized a crime stoppers reward of \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of a Texas Top Ten Most Wanted sex offender.

"Sex offenders who hide are at risk to strike again," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This program will enlist the public's help in locating these high risk offenders."

The public should not try to apprehend these criminals as they are considered dangerous. Anyone with information on these offenders can provide anonymous tips in three different ways:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
- Text the letters DPS—followed by your tip—to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.
- Submit a tip through the DPS website by selecting the sex offender you have information about, and under their picture is a link to submit a web tip.

The 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders are available on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/sexoffenders/topTenSexOffenders.htm#> and have last known addresses in the following cities:

- Amarillo
- Austin
- Clute
- Grand Prairie
- Houston
- Irving
- Lufkin
- Rowlett
- Whitney

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