

PRESS STATEMENT

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WHEREABOUTS OF SEX OFFENDERS/DANGEROUS PERSONS

It is the policy of both the Police and the Probation Service that they do not routinely confirm or deny the location and movements of sex offenders or potentially dangerous persons.

Dealing with such persons demands a managed multi-agency response. Risk assessment meetings are held by the Multi-Agency Public Protection Panels (MAPPPs) on a regular basis.

The fact is, however that such persons always have been and will continue to be released into the community. Recent changes in the law and working practices of those agencies involved now mean that such people are monitored far more closely than in the past.

The measures that are in place, and the work of different agencies, are not always aided by public exposure. Indeed, public protection may be significantly compromised by it.

The overriding concern is, and always will be, the safety and protection of the public on this occasion we cannot, and will not, comment further or expand on the statement made here.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The National Probation Service – Thames Valley works with adult offenders, supervising them through their court orders and assisting with rehabilitation. The main aim of the service is to increase public protection and reduce the reoffending rate.

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