



# TOWN OF IRONDEQUOIT

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## **MEGAN'S LAW STRENGTHENED IN IRONDEQUOIT**

Residents will now be able to utilize the Town's website for detailed information about convicted level two and level three sex offenders residing in Irondequoit, Supervisor Mary Ellen Heyman announced today.

The registry, located on the Police Department's website, provides a photograph of the offender and, for the most heinous sex offenders, the exact address of residence. Due to pending litigation before the State, the Town is currently legally prohibited from posting the information of Level One Sex Offenders on the internet, those with the lowest risk of repeating their crime.

"Parents deserve to know if there are dangerous sex predators living nearby," said Supervisor Heyman. "By making this information readily available on the Town's website, we're building Megan's Law into an even more effective public safety tool here in Irondequoit."

"This is an added step in notifying the entire Irondequoit community of a registered sex offender residing in the area. Upon notification from the state of a registered sex offender moving into the community, the department will post the current information on the Town of Irondequoit web site," said Irondequoit Police Chief Richard Boyan. "The department will continue the door by door notification of residents in the immediate neighborhood of the sex offender's residence in addition to the web site posting. Our goal is to keep the community informed."

Megan's Law mandates anyone on parole, probation or who serving prison time for a sex offense that occurred after January 21, 1996 to register with local law enforcement agencies and the State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The law permits police agencies to post community advisory bulletins, listing the name, location and description of those offenders still posing a risk to their surrounding community.

"Since enacted, Megan's Law has been an invaluable resource for local law enforcement, and also for parents concerned with keeping their children safe from society's worst elements," said Heyman. "Parents should use this information on the website, but also, please take caution and become familiar and comfortable with any individual that has unsupervised access to your children."

Residents may view the Irondequoit Police Department's Sex Offender Registry at <http://www.irondequoit.org/content/view/213/704/>. For more information on Megan's Law in New York State, visit <http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/index.htm> or call **1-800-262-3257**.