

**Problems searching for
Pennsylvania sex offenders
at
www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us**

June 22, 2010

**Pa Dept of the Auditor General
Jack Wagner, Auditor General**

How to search

**Following are copies
of screens to show
how searches can be
conducted. . .**



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WARNING

Any person who uses the information contained herein to threaten, intimidate, or harass the registrant or their family, or who otherwise misuses this information, may be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability.

Click on the appropriate button below to indicate if you understand and accept the information contained on this entire page and agree to abide by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania's General Assembly has established this website to provide information about registered sex offenders. The information on this website is intended solely as a means of providing information to the public. The information on this website is not intended to be used in your care from recidivist acts by registered sex offenders.

Pursuant to the provisions of Pennsylvania's Megan's Law, the Department of Corrections has established this web page to provide timely information to the public. The information on this website is intended to be used to identify persons who attend school, are employed/carry on a vocation, or are otherwise in the community.

Pennsylvania's Megan's Law, 42 Pa.C.S. § 9799, requires the Department of Corrections to provide information to the public about registered sex offenders who either been convicted of, entered a plea of guilt in, or been found guilty of a sex offense in Pennsylvania or another jurisdiction. Additional information on registered sex offenders available on this website is provided for the public's information. The Pennsylvania State Police has established this website according to the provisions of Megan's Law.

To proceed, you must click on "I accept" to agree not to threaten, intimidate, or harass offenders or their families or otherwise misuse information on the website

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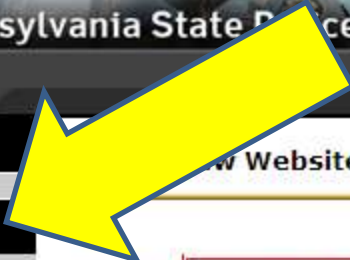
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To access the search features, please use the left navigation bar and click on the search criteria you wish to utilize.

Choose how to search – e.g., county, municipality, city, zip code, name, alias

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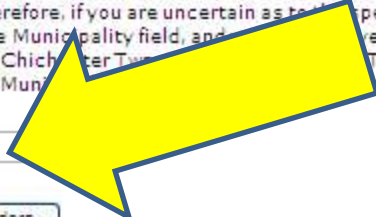
- You must enter the entire Municipal name of the municipality. For ex

OR

- Wild cards are supported; therefore, if you are uncertain as to the spelling of the municipality name, you may enter "Lower*" in the Municipality field, and the results including, but not limited to: Lower Paxton Twp, Lower Chichester Twp, Lower Merion Twp. Wild cards must be used with at least one letter in the Municipality field.

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This is a *municipality* search for Cranberry + asterisk (Cranberry*)



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Municipality Search Results For: Cranberry*

Please be aware that there are federal, state and/or county facilities searched. Zip codes marked with asterisks (*) identify the facilities.

Click on any name below to view detailed information about

Name	County	City	Municipality	State	Zip Code
ROBERT GENE ABBOTT	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
TUSHON BROWN	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
BRADFORD SAMUEL DAVIC	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
LEROY EUGENE ECHENOZ	Venango	OIL CITY	Cranberry Twp	PA	16301
JOHN EDWARD ECKER	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
JEFFREY ALLEN JENSEN	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL KILEY	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
EDWARD PLATA	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
MATTHEW SCOTT QUINN	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
JEREMY KEITH REED	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
NORMAN LOUIS RICKLEY	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
RANDALL WAYNE RITCHEY	Venango	FRANKLIN	Cranberry Twp	PA	16323*
JACOB PAUL HARRY ROXBERRY	Venango	OIL CITY	Cranberry Twp	PA	16301
TIMOTHY ALAN SCHMIDLEY	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
SCOTT CHRISTOPHER SLATER	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
BRYCE DALE SOUTHWICK	Butler	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
ERIC NELSON STEVENSON	Venango	ERIE	Cranberry Twp	PA	16354
DANIEL PAUL TEJCHMAN	Butler	CRANBERRY	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
WILLIAM JAY WADE	Venango	SENECA	Cranberry Twp	PA	16346

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Results showed as many as 19 offenders with this search



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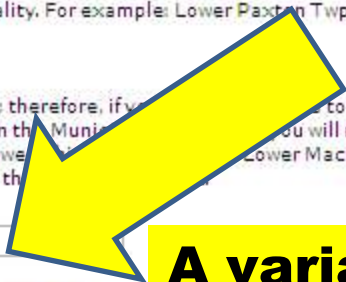
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Municipality Search

To search for offenders by *Municipality*:

- You must enter the entire Municipality using "Twp" for Township, "Boro" for Borough, or "City", after the name of the municipality. For example: Lower Paxton Twp, Pottstown Boro, or Pittsburgh City
- OR
- Wild cards are supported; therefore, if you enter "Lower*" in the Municipality field, you will receive results including, but not limited to: Lower Paxton Twp, Lower Merion Twp, Lower Macungie Twp. Wild cards must be used with at least one letter in the Municipality field.

Municipality Name:



A variation of this municipality search is to type in Cranberry without the asterisk . . .

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Click on any name below to view detailed information about the offender.

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Name	County	City	Municipality	State	Zip Code
There are no offenders that match your search criteria.					

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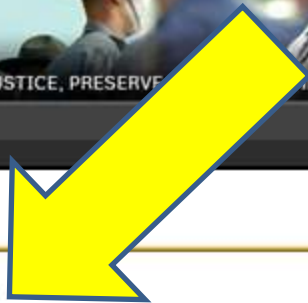
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... but the results show no offenders

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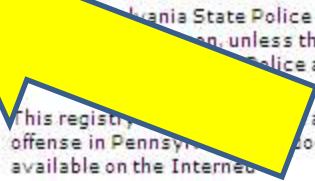
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To access the search feature, please select the criteria you wish to utilize.

Another option: Try a search by *city* rather than by municipality



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Find Offenders

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LEONARD ALAN GUSTAFSON	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
DANIEL PAUL TEJCHMAN	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Ashland Twp	PA	16319
STEVEN RICHARD PERRY	Clarion	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
ROBERT GENE ABBOTT	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Butler Twp	PA	16066
CHRISTOPHER JOHN BADEN	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
TUSHON BROWN	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
BRADFORD SAMUEL DAVIC	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
JOHN EDWARD ECKER	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
JEFFREY ALLEN JENSEN	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL KILE	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
EDWARD PLATA	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
MATTHEW SCOTT QUINN	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
JEREMY KEITH REED	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
NORMAN LOUIS RICKLEY	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
TIMOTHY ALAN SCHMIDLEY	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
SCOTT CHRISTOPHER SLATER	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
BRYCE DALE SOUTHWICK	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
KARL RICHARD TAYLOR	Butler	CRANBERRY	CRANBERRY TWP	Unknown township	PA	16066

But even this search does not include all offenders (as we will illustrate later using the offenders' photos)

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http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/SearchCity.aspx?dt=JCFECEFD4HND

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City Name:

This modification of a *city* search uses Cranberry without the asterisk . . .

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Municipality

City

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LEONARD ALAN GUSTAFSON	Butler	CRANBERRY	Unknown township	PA	16066
DANIEL PAUL TEJCHMAN	Butler	CRANBERRY	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066
STEVEN RICHARD PERRY	Clarion	CRANBERRY	Ashland Twp	PA	16319

... but it shows only 3 offenders

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City Name:

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City Search Results For: Cranberry Township

Click on any name below to view detailed information about the offender.

Name	County	City	Municipality	State	Zip Code
MATTHEW SCOTT QUINN	Butler	CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP	Cranberry Twp	PA	16066

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... but this search shows only 1 offender



As of Friday, June 18, there were actually 23 offenders who lived or worked in Cranberry Township.

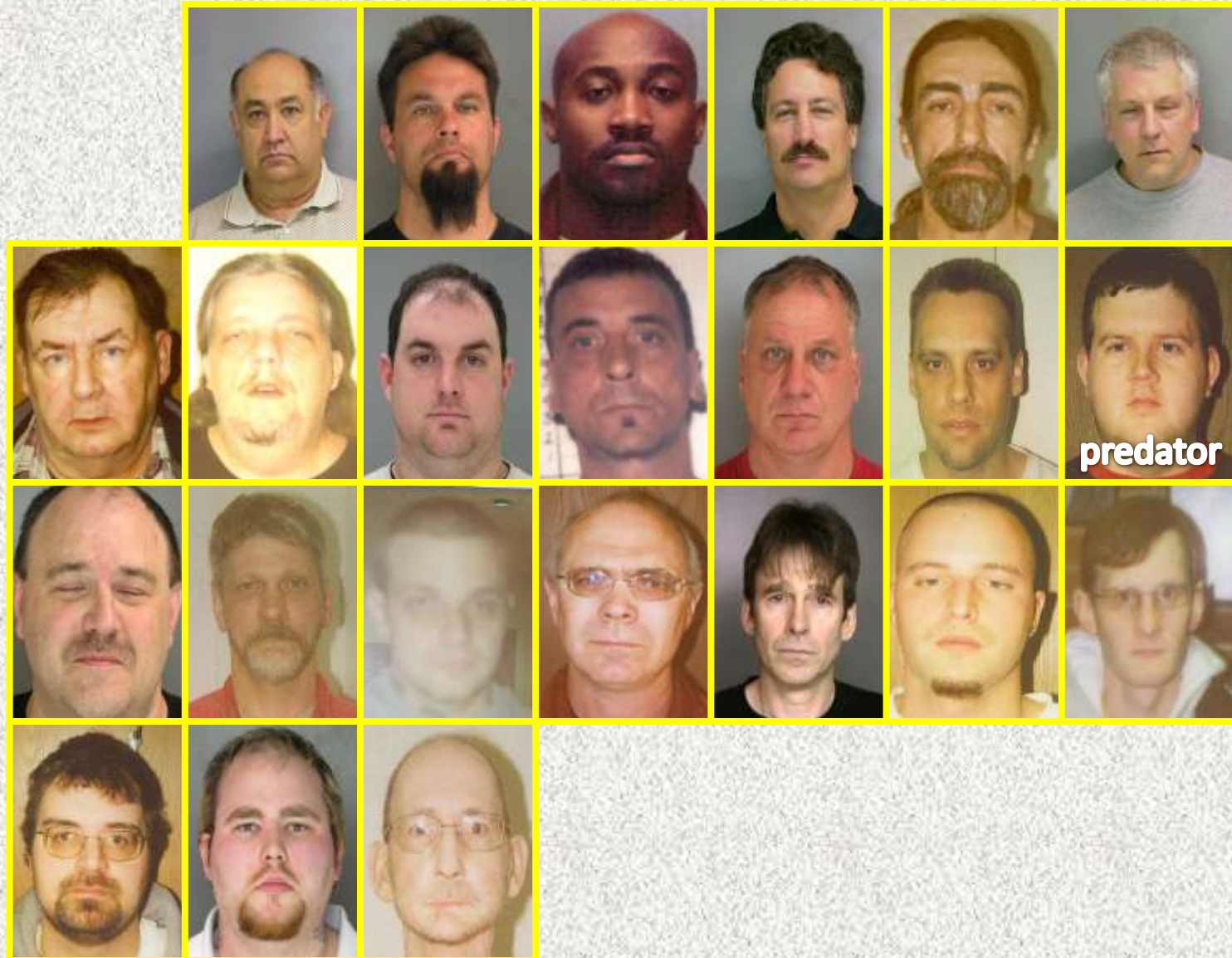
But all 23 offenders were listed ONLY when auditors pieced together multiple searches.

**The next slide will
show photographs of
all 23 offenders.**

Remember:

**Auditors found these 23
offenders only by combining
various searches.**

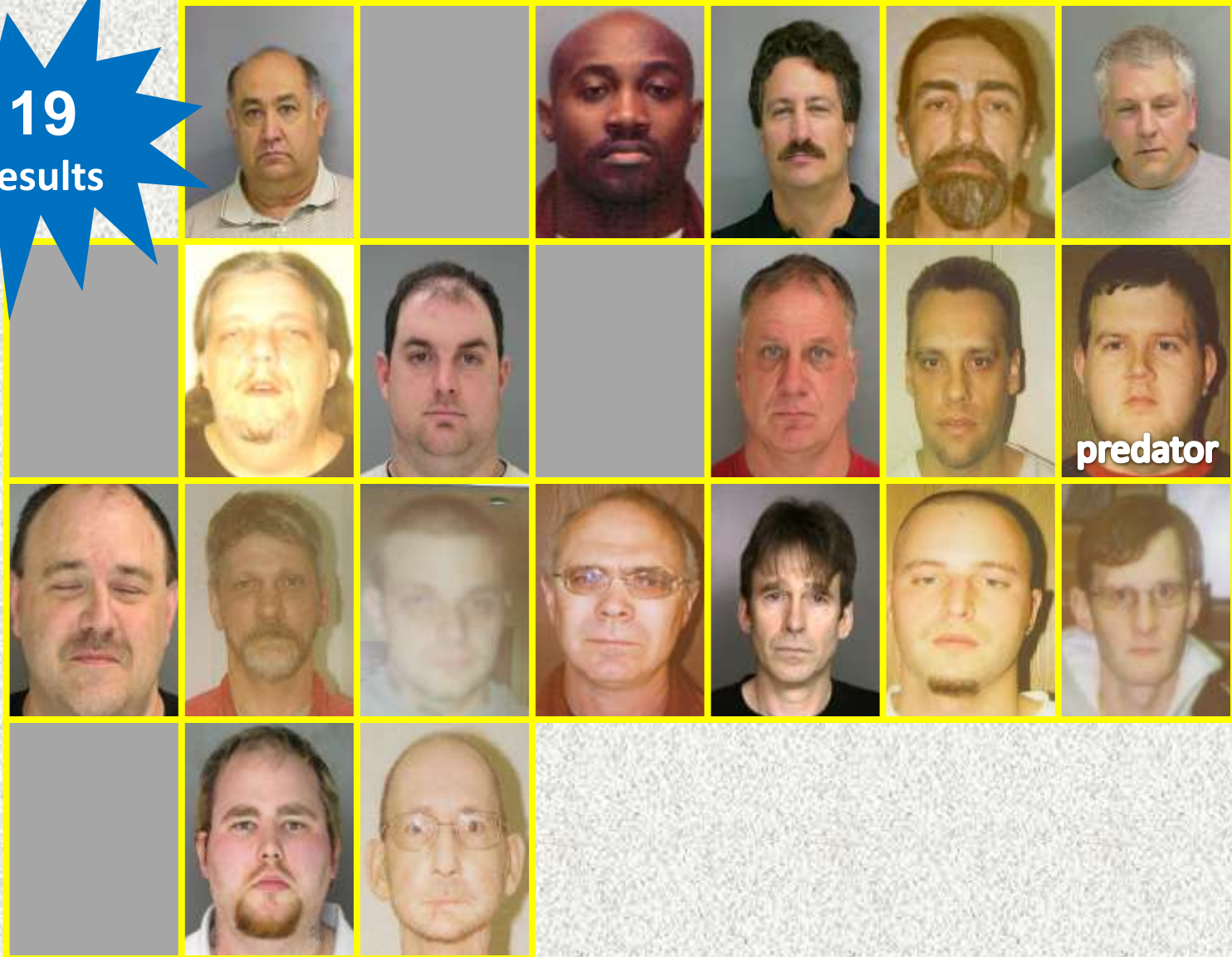
23 sex offenders live and/or work in Cranberry Township, Butler County...



**. . . but watch how
the different search
options allow some
offenders to remain
hidden:**

Municipality search results for **Cranberry*** (Cranberry + asterisk)

19
results



Municipality search results for **Cranberry Twp** (abbreviation of township)

19
same
results



Municipality search results for **Cranberry** (no asterisk)

0
results

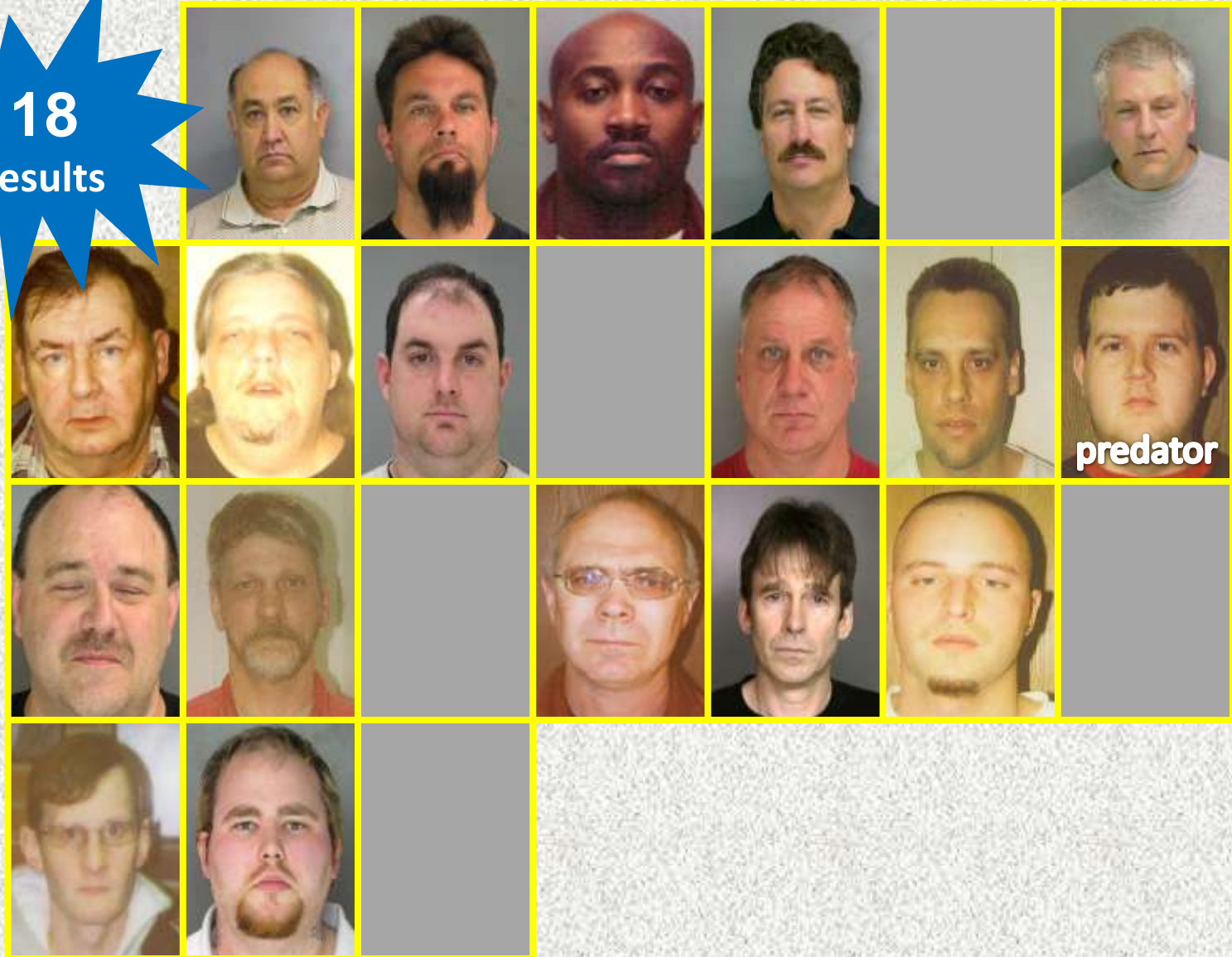
Municipality search results for **Cranberry Township** (no abbreviation)

0
results

City search results for Cranberry*

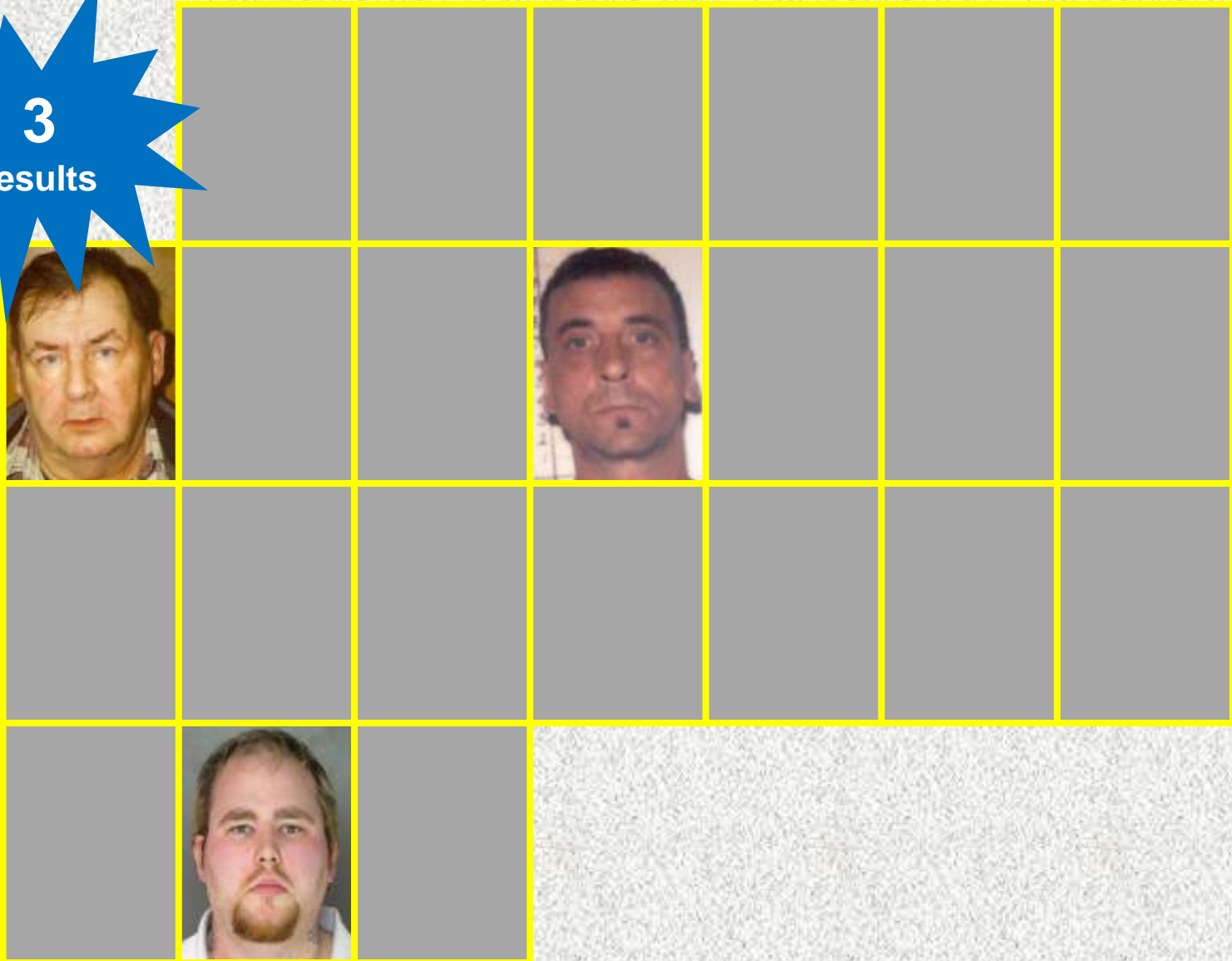
(Cranberry + asterisk)

18
results



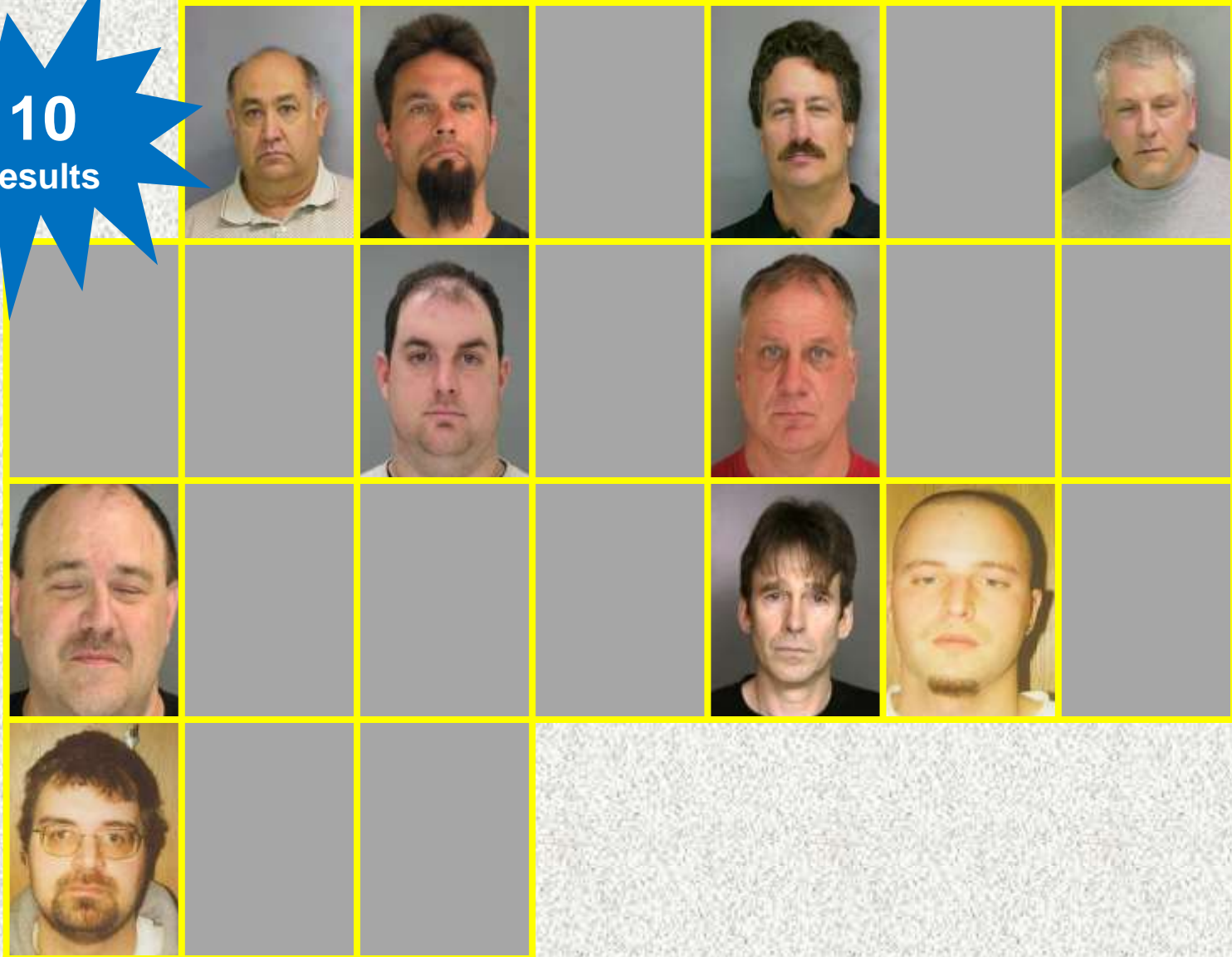
City search results for **Cranberry** (no asterisk)

3
results



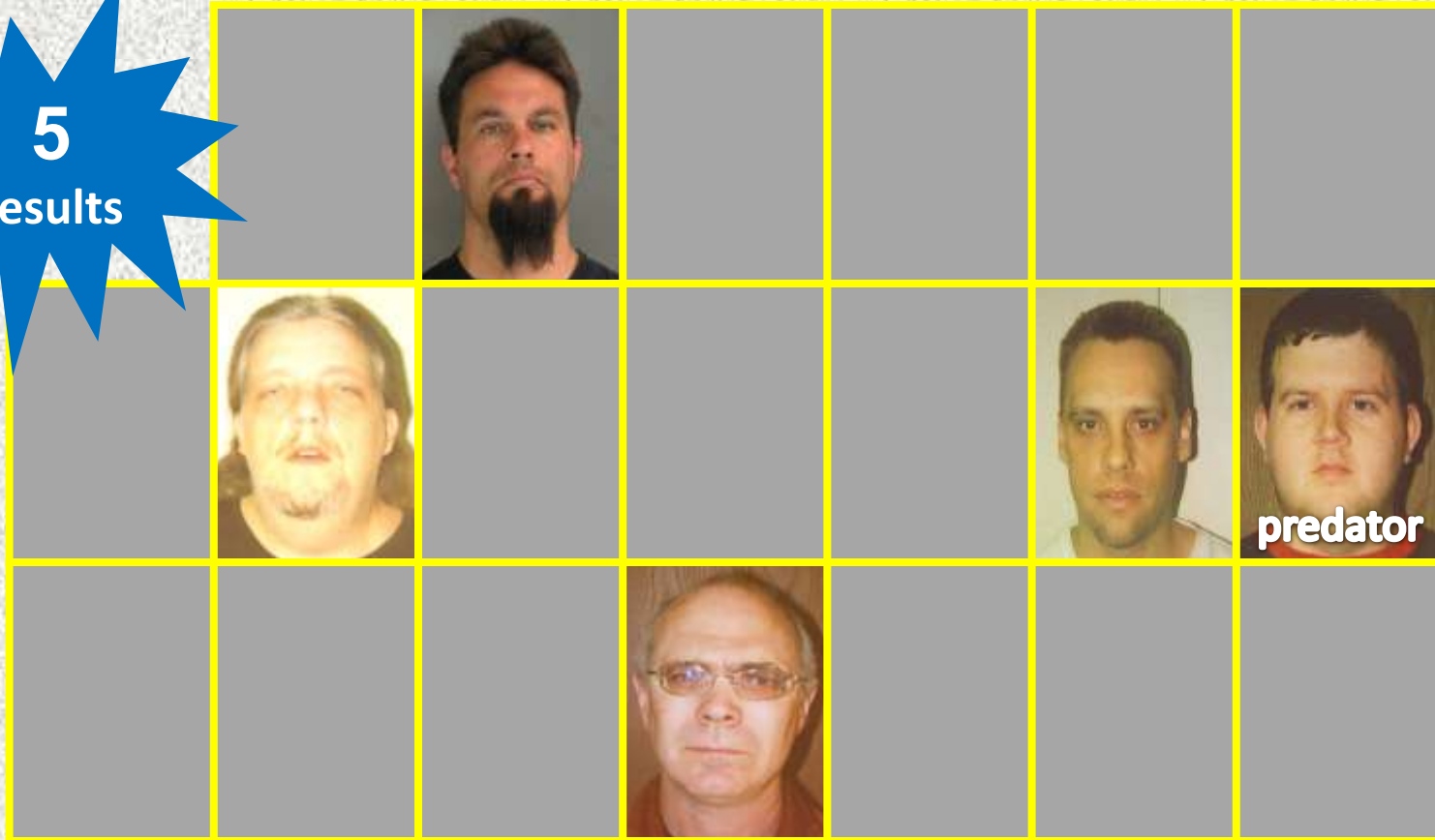
City search results for Cranberry Twp (abbreviation of township)

10
results



City search results for **Cranberry Township** (no abbreviation)


5
results



**But even fewer results
3 days later on June 21!
See next slide:**

Three days later: City search results for **Cranberry Township** (no abbreviation)

1
result

But no results 1 day later on June 22! See next slide:

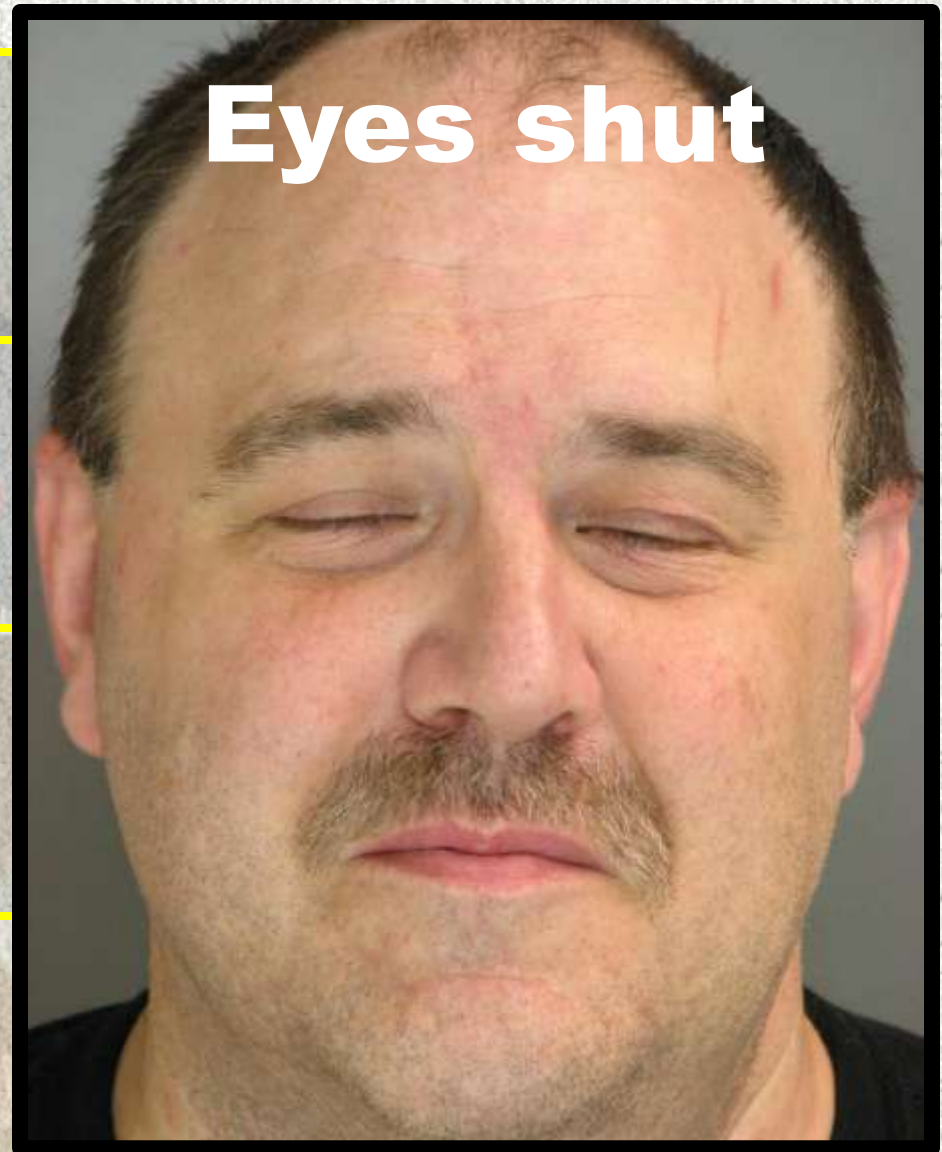
As of today: City search results for **Cranberry Township** (no abbreviation)

0
results

**We also found
examples of poor
photos among the 23
offenders from
Cranberry Township.**

**Poor photos
make it
hard for the
public to
identify
offenders.**

Poor photos:



Poor photos:



Unrecognizable



The next 6 slides show a sampling of poor-quality photos from all locations – not just Cranberry Township. We compiled these photos just last Friday.

Eyes shut

In Pennsylvania, bad photos or no photos hinder the public's ability to recognize convicted sex offenders listed on the State Police's Internet registry at www.pameganslaw@state.pa.us

(Examples found 6-18-2010)



Montgomery County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse



Montgomery County
Indecent assault



Monroe County
Sex offense against child



Monroe County
Incest



Schuylkill County
Indecent assault



Mercer County
Obscene and sexual materials and performance



Cambria County
Sexual indecency with a child



Mifflin County
Sexual solicitation



Montgomery County
Rape

The Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General compiled these photos prior to the release of its special report, *Pa. Auditor General gives C- to state's Internet registry for sex offenders; says it's improved but still not making the grade*. Report available at www.auditorgen.state.pa.us

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Cambria County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse



Bucks County
Indecent assault



Centre County
Indecent assault



Bucks County
Indecent assault



Clearfield County
Unlawful contact or communication with minor



Centre County
*Sexual assault**



Clearfield County
Endanger wife/child



Wyoming County
Obscene materials—possession



Clearfield County
Sexual offense with certain victims

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Bucks County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse



Dauphin County
Indecent liberties with child



Mercer County
Aggravated indecent assault



Clinton County
3rd degree rape



Cumberland County
Possession of child pornography



Carbon County
Aggravated indecent assault



Dauphin County
Rape 4th degree



Carbon County
Indecent assault



Crawford County
Indecency with a child—actual contact

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Venango County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse



Clarion County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse



Westmoreland County
Deviate sexual intercourse



Bucks County
Aggravated indecent assault



Montgomery County
Aggravated indecent assault



Clearfield County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse



Bucks County
Deviate sexual intercourse



Cambria County
Aggravated indecent assault



Mercer County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse

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Montgomery County
Sexual assault



Montgomery County
Indecent assault



Philadelphia County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse



Bucks County
Sexual abuse of children



Adams County
Aggravated indecent assault



Cumberland County
Rape



Beaver County
Aggravated indecent assault



Potter County
Indecent assault



Berks County
Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse

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Clearfield County
Aggravated sexual assault



Bucks County
Sexual assault of minor



Northampton County
Sexual assault



Monroe County
1st degree sex offense



Dauphin County
Sexual assault



Delaware County
Criminal sexual contact



Union County
Rape 4th degree; sexual intercourse victim is less than 16 years old



Cumberland County
Attempted aggravated sexual assault



Erie County
Sexual abuse

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**Overall, the
Megan's Law
website must
be improved
to protect the
public.**

End

Recommendations

(as presented at August 17, 2010, hearing)

- **The website needs multiple clear and color photographs, including profile views, and the date that each photograph was taken.**
- **The website needs a listing of *all* sex offenses for which each offender was convicted, and a clearer way for the public to see which offenders are current in verifying their information with the police.**
- **The website needs to make allowances if the public makes spelling errors or spells things inconsistently.**

Recommendations

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- The website needs more options for the public to search for registrants, and more features and tools—like mapping options to show where selected offenders live and e-mail options to get alerts when the offenders move.**

- The Pennsylvania State Police needs to do better monitoring of its own data entry errors and inconsistencies.**