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Mr. Bernard Dean
Chief Clerk of the House
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Mr. Brad Hendrickson
Secretary of the Senate
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Dear Mr. Dean and Mr. Hendrickson:

In accordance with RCW 36.28A.230, the Registered Sex Offender and Kidnapping Offender Address and Residency Verification Grant Program, WASPC is to submit a report on the effectiveness of the address and residency verification program to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives and Senate by December 31st each year.

Enclosed is our report for 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven D. Strachan".

Steven D. Strachan
Executive Director

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Enclosure

Washington State Registered Sex and Kidnapping Offender Address and Residency Verification Grant Program—2020 Annual Report

In 2010, the Washington State Legislature established the Registered Sex Offender and Kidnapping Offender Address and Residency Verification Grant Program ([RCW 36.28A.230](#)). When funded, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) administers a grant program to local governments for the purpose of verifying the address and residency of sex offenders and kidnapping offenders registered under [RCW 9A.44.130](#) who reside within the county sheriff's jurisdiction.

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, WASPC granted \$4.91 million to local law enforcement agencies through the Registered Sex Offender and Kidnapping Offender Address and Residency Verification Grant Program. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, WASPC granted \$4.81 million to local law enforcement agencies. The following information describes the efforts by local law enforcement agencies utilizing the Address and Residency Verification Grant Program.

From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

- Average number of statewide sex and kidnapping offenders: 20,006
- Average number of compliant sex and kidnapping offenders: 18,774
- Average number of non-compliant sex and kidnapping offenders: 1,232
- Average number of sex and kidnapping offender registered transient: 1,278
- Total face-to-face address verifications reported statewide: 28,319
- Total statewide prosecutions for failure to register: 955
- Total number of registered sex offenders arrested on new sex crimes: 83

The charts on the following page display the above information over a five-year span. The charts are based on the calendar year with quarter 1 January 1 to March 31, quarter 2 April 1 to June 30, quarter 3 July 1 to September 30 and quarter 4 October 1 to December 31.

The Registered Sex Offender and Kidnapping Offender Address and Residency Verification Grant Program continues to be a valuable resource for local law enforcement agencies. Agencies continue to report they would not be able to fund the resources needed for face-to-face address verifications without the grant money.

WASPC continues to participate in statewide and national discussions regarding sex offender registration and notification. Washington's program is routinely described as being innovative. Washington's continued investment in public safety by supporting the address verification and grant program is viewed admirably by professionals who work in the sex offender registration and notification field.

