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Locating sexual predator and offender absconders protects your family and your community

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Parents, grandparents, concerned citizens and even teenagers regularly log on to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) public Web site to learn if predators or offenders live near their

homes or places where they spend time. Knowing where an offender/predator lives lets parents show their children the homes and people to avoid in their neighborhood, where they play or walk or ride their bikes. Knowing the home address of a sexual offender/predator is a valuable tool in stopping an offender from committing inappropriate acts with a child, kidnapping a child or even causing that child's death.

To be certain that an offender/predator is living at the address they give, law enforcement officials make unannounced home checks on offenders/predators in their jurisdiction. In addition the Jessica Lunsford Act requires that predators/offenders must report to their county

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A family's last gathering George Santá Cruz – a life cut short

By Sharita Reid

On the evening of August 4, 2006, when George "Bunky" Santa Cruz stopped by his mom's house, ironically, both of his sisters were there. This was something that rarely happened and they all knew it. In fact, Jade (the youngest) commented that it was weird they all were in one location at one time. After a short visit, they all departed to their separate destinations – not knowing this would be their last gathering on this earth.

Bunky and his business partner decided to visit local clubs to market his new promotions company, "City Official Productions." After dropping his partner off at home, he decided to grab a late night snack. He picked up a friend, drove through McDonald's and headed back to his mom's house.

It was around 2 a.m. when several gun shots rang out and awakened his mother. Because the shots seemed so near, she ran to the window to investigate. She saw a black male around 5'10" exit the driver side of her



George "Bunky" Santá Cruz

son's car and hop into the passenger side of another vehicle.

Bunky was shot several times that night; he never had a chance. His mother witnessed his death. She wanted to comfort him, but in shock was paralyzed and felt helpless at the scene. There was nothing she could do as he lay in his car awaiting paramedics. The passenger was unharmed.

Bunky was my brother. He was 25 years old and life was just beginning for him. To really know Bunky, you would have had to know his struggles. He was a New Orleans native who, because of the high murder rate in that city, moved to Jacksonville to have a chance at life, yet someone still found enough anger in himself to take Bunky's life away.

To this day, we still do not know why he was fatally shot. For our family and many friends, it was a shock because he never bothered anyone. In the community, he was known to be a help to others and loved kids. He was not the type to provoke people and did not believe in killing anyone.

Although our family has learned to live without him, we still miss him so. One cannot imagine the loss a mother feels for her child; in this case, her only son. As the days go by, the only thing she wishes for is someone to come forward and be accountable.

If you know anything about this murder, please call JSO Homicide at 630-2172.

Study of NE Florida sex offenders offers snapshot of who they are

Offender's Access to Victim	115 Graduates	% of Graduates	115 Non-Graduates	% of Non Graduates	62 Offenders Considered Dangerous in the Non-Graduate Group	Percentages of Dangerous
Family Member	22	19.00%	13	11.00%	12	19.00%
Step Family	21	18.00%	16	14.00%	9	15.00%
Mother's Boy Friend	12	10.00%	6	5.00%	1	1.50%
Friends of Friends	20	17.00%	28	24.00%	16	26.00%
Bar/Club	2	3.00%	5	4.00%	0	0.00%
Party	4	4.00%	1	1.00%	0	0.00%
Neighbor	6	0.00%	6	5.00%	3	5.00%
Baby Sitter	5	4.00%	1	1.00%	1	1.50%
Met at Church	2	3.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Met at Store	1	1.00%	1	1.00%	0	0.00%
Met on Street	1	1.00%	1	1.00%	1	1.50%
Met at Park	1	1.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Runaway	1	1.00%	3	3.00%	2	3.00%
Police/Computer sting	2	3.00%	1	1.00%	1	1.50%
Coworker	3	3.00%	2	2.00%	1	1.50%
Yard Worker	0	0.00%	1	1.00%	1	1.50%
Girl Friend / Dated	1	1.00%	8	7.00%	4	7.00%
Tenant in victim's house	0	0.00%	2	2.00%	0	0.00%
Meet at school	0	0.00%	1	1.00%	0	0.00%
Computer chat line	4	4.00%	4	3.00%	0	0.00%
Prostitute	0	0.00%	1	1.00%	0	0.00%
Stranger	3	3.00%	7	6.00%	6	10.00%
Prison Related	1	1.00%	1	1.00%	1	1.00%
Unknown	3	3.00%	6	5.00%	3	5.00%
	115	100.00%	115	100.00%	62	100.00%

Last fall a study of 230 Northeast Florida sex offenders was completed. The purpose of this study was to examine existing data on sex offenders living in the Jacksonville and Northeast Florida community to give us a clear representation of their demographics, relationship to their victims, employment, drug and alcohol history, etc.

More information on how the study was created, funded, written and where the data came from can be found at sexoffenderstatistics.net. The study was divided into two groups: 115 who graduated from sex offender treatment and 115 who did not. Here are some of the results, along with one of the pages of the study that shows how the sex offenders gained access to their victims.

We hope this information assists you in protecting your children.

Offenders' relationship to their victims:

- Out of 230 individuals only 10 were strangers to their victims
- Non-graduates with victims nine years of age or younger:
 - 100% were known to offender either by a family member or friend
 - 100% have either major drug or alcohol use or both
 - 97% did not graduate high school
 - 87% have been married or have children
 - 67% are currently incarcerated
 - 60% reported to being sexually abused as children
 - 40% have major mental health issues

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