



Press Information

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The Alliance Condemns Vigilante Action, Seeks a Solution to Community Concerns

Silver Lake, Providence: Citizens of the Silver Lake district of Providence have once again seen tangible signs of the growing friction between longtime residents and a small but growing number of violent offenders now being attracted to the neighborhood. Unofficial notifications have been posted throughout the community. They publicize the identity of an alleged registered sex offender by duplicating copies of his registry notification. Added to it are inflammatory new entries probably made by whoever is behind the smear campaign. The material has been posted and reposted in areas of the community where parents gather with their children, such as schools, coffee shops, the local community center, and St. Bartholomew's Church.

Carolyn Medeiros, Executive Director of the Alliance for Safe Communities made the following statement on the matter. "I was notified of all this by community leaders who contacted me for assistance." She said. "I am very concerned with this symptom of the escalating anger and anxiety being suffered by the Silver Lake Community these days." Medeiros went on to explain that local residents she's in touch with feel powerless to counteract what they see as an influx of registered sex offenders both living and working in their community.

"The perception is that government is casting a blind eye to their concerns." She continued. "The Alliance for Safe Communities is worried that vigilante actions like this one will continue if the residents continue to feel abandoned by their political leadership."

Today the Alliance contacted Detective Ted Michael, Sex Offender Registry Community Notification Officer, of the Providence PD. The objective was to ascertain the real facts of the

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matter of the individual whose name was being spread around the neighborhood, and to assist through a grass roots effort to counteract the fear and uncertainty with accurate information.

The Alliance for Safe Communities strongly disapproves of the actions taken by the person or persons who have papered the Silver Lake district with such inflammatory and potentially false accusations. The organization calls on the people of the community to rise above the impulse for retribution and to join forces to make city and state government to take a more active interest in their safety and that of their children

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