

# MEGAN'S LAW DISCLOSURE

## Megan's Law

*Ohio's Sex Offender Registration and Notification law (SORN) is administered within the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation's (BCI&I) Identification Division. "Megan's Law" was the first of these types of statutes was passed by the New Jersey Legislature in 1994. The law was named after seven-year-old Megan Kanka, who was abducted, raped, and murdered by an ex-convict who had two prior convictions for sex crimes against young girls. The Ohio version of Megan's Law was passed as H.B 180 in 1996, and went into effect in 1997. Under SORN, all sex offenders, including those already incarcerated, are required to be classified by their individual sentencing judges into one of three categories, sexual predator, habitual sex offender, or sexually oriented offender, each of which dictates the registration and notification requirements to which the offender is subject, and then they are subject to the registration requirements of the law. All sex offenders are required to register with the sheriff of the county in which they reside within seven days of release from prison or moving to a new county. The law requires information about certain sexual offenders to be distributed to people who are potentially at risk. Among the entities that are to be notified are: school superintendents, police chiefs, neighbors, as well as day care operators and others in the area. Offenders must provide the county sheriff with their name and address, declare their classification, declare the offense(s) for which they were convicted, and be finger-printed.*

Seller's Disclosure re: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ohio's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Law

Ohio's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Law requires the local sheriff to provide written notice to neighbors if a sex offender resides or intends to reside in the area. The notice provided by the sheriff is a public record and is open to inspection under Ohio's Public Records Law. Therefore, you can obtain information from the sheriff's office regarding the notices they have provided pursuant to Ohio's sex offender notification law.

\_\_\_\_\_ Seller has not received notice pursuant to Ohio's sex offender notification law.

\_\_\_\_\_ Seller has received the following notifications pursuant to Ohio's sex offender notification law:

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The Buyer acknowledges that the information disclosed above may no longer be accurate and agrees to inquire with the local sheriff's office. If current information regarding the status of registered sex offenders in the area is desired, buyer agrees to assume the responsibility to check with the local sheriff's office. Buyer is relying on their own inquiry with the local sheriff's office as to registered sex offenders in the area and is not relying on the seller or seller's agent involved in the transaction.

### *Certification of Accuracy*

The parties have reviewed the information above and certify as indicated by their initials above and dated signature below, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that the information provided by the signatory is true and accurate.

**For the Seller(s):**

**For the Buyer(s):**

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Husband

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Husband

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Wife

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Wife

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Seller's Agent

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Buyer's Agent