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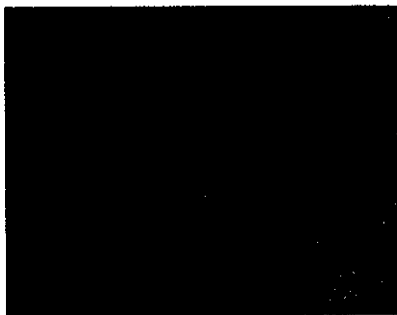
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Sex Offender Registry

Pictures taken from an SOR website



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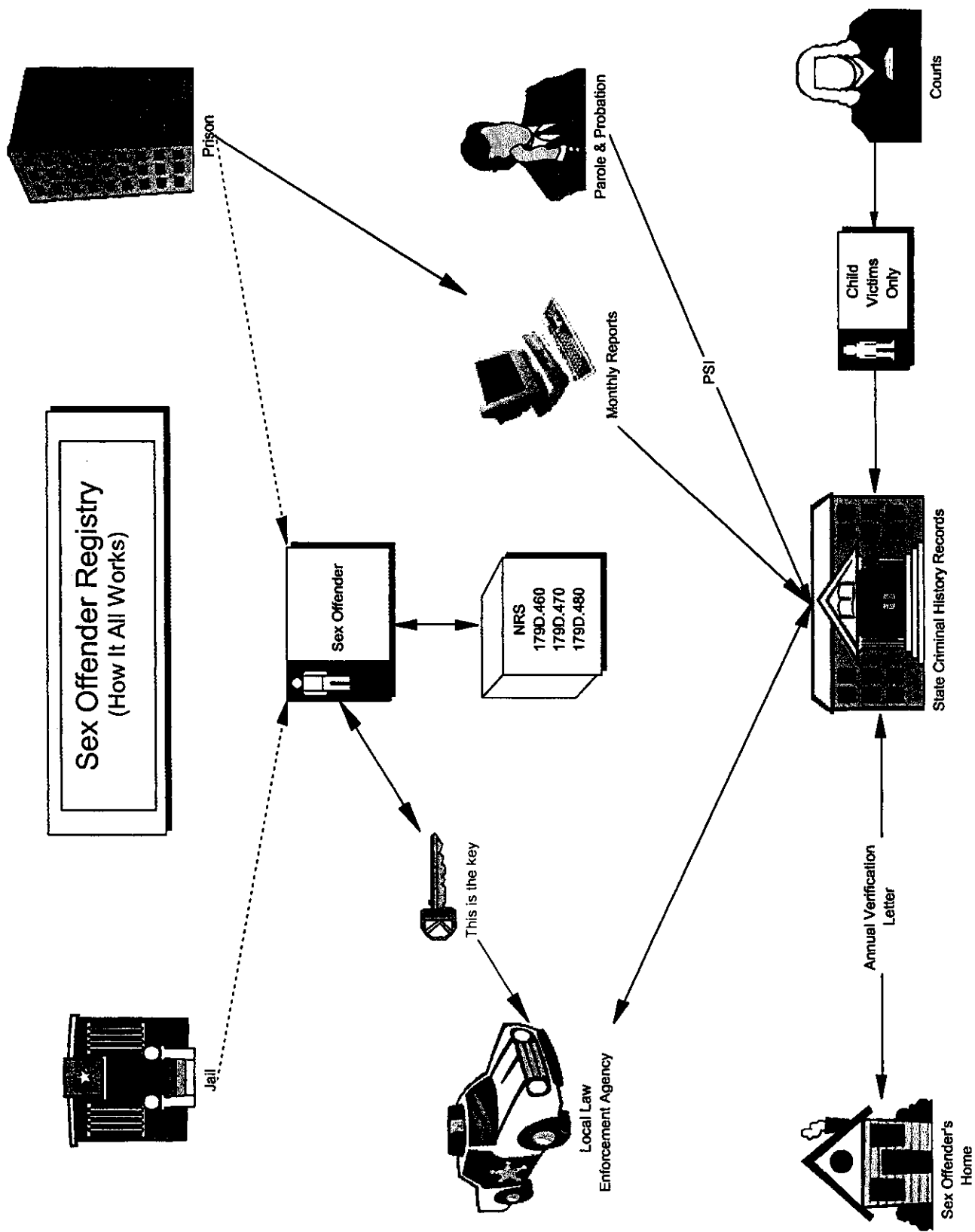
Overview perspective

- ♦ Any effort to improve the public search protocol would be a big improvement
- ♦ Nevada is playing catch up on this public notification system (32 state website samples are available for review)
- ♦ In the spirit of Megan's law, this sort of information should be free and easy
- ♦ The Supreme Court weighed in on this issue on March 5, 2003 (focus on the Alaska model)

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Key references from the NRS 179D statute

- There are many players in the state, all with contributing parts to play
- The key to the success of this law is LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
- Please see the relationship on the next page



Sex Offender Registry

The State Sex Offender Registry is a combine effort of Nevada courts, Department of Prisons, law enforcement agencies, criminal justice agencies throughout the State and the Attorney General.

- **NRS 179D.230 5(b) the repository shall:**
 - establish a record of registration for the offender with the assistance of the local law enforcement agency.
 - update the record: and provide notification to the appropriate local law enforcement agency mail to the sex offender, at the address last registered by the sex offender, a nonforwardable verification form, to be signed and returned to the repository, to verify that he still resides at the address he last registered
- **NRS 179D.450(b) the repository shall:**
 - arrange for the assessment of the risk of recidivism of the sex offender pursuant to the guide lines and procedures for community notification established by the attorney general
- **NRS 176.0926 Crimes Against Child: Notice of conviction to central repository;**
 - 1. If a defendant is convicted of a crime against a child, the court shall, before imposing sentence:
 - a. Notify the central repository of the conviction
 - b. Inform the defendant of the requirements for registration
- **NRS 62.920 Division of child and family services shall collect certain information regarding child adjudicated delinquent for sexual offense.:**
 - The division shall provide the information collected pursuant to subsection 1 to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history for use in the program-established pursuant to NRS 179A.270, 280, 290
(This information is not reported to us)

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- NRS 179A.290 assistance from department of corrections and division of parole and probation shall assist the director of the department in obtaining data and in carrying out the program
- NRS 179D.230 (3) (a) the department of correction or a local law enforcement agency in whose facility the offender is incarcerated or confined shall
 - (1) inform the offender of the requirements for registration including
 - (I) the duty to register
 - (IV) the duty to notify local law enforcement in the jurisdiction in which he resides, if he changes address, including from this state to another, or primary address at which he is a student or worker
 - (2) require the offender to read and sign a form confirming that the requirements for registration have been explained and to forward the form to the central repository.
- NRS 179D.460 registration with local law enforcement agency within 48 hours:
 - each sex offender who after July 1, 1956 is or has been convicted of a sexual offense shall register,
 - if he resides or is present for 48 hours
 - Is an nonresident who is a student or worker
 - Provide all information requested by law enforcement, including fingerprints
 - Sign and date the record in the presence of an officer and forward to the central repository

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- **NRS 179D.470** sex offender to notify appropriate agency of change and provide updated information. **The sex offender shall;**
Complete and sign annual verification form
- **NRS 179D.480** Verification form
Each year the sex offender shall complete and sign the form to verify that he still resides at the address he last registered
- **NRS 179D.800** the **Attorney General** shall establish guidelines and procedures for community notification concerning juvenile sex offenders which are consistent with guidelines and procedures for adult sex offenders

(the following information is not submitted to the repository)
- **NRS 179A.075** (2) duties of **agencies of criminal justice** and any other agency dealing with crime or delinquency of children **shall**
 - a. collect and maintain records, reports and compilation of statistical data
 - b. submit the information collected to the central repository
 - c. in the manner prescribed by the director within the period prescribed(3) each agency of criminal justice shall submit the information relating to sexual offenses, records of criminal history created or issued, information relating to genetic markers of a biological specimen

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Current statistical picture of sex offenders in the
State of Nevada

Total sex offender files	7,277
Offenders in the "inactive file"	3,091
Concerned about (never registered)	691
Total active files in system	4,186
Those not complying (not responding)	950
Active cases that are in compliance	3,236

Focus of concern are the 691 who never registered in the first place plus the 950 who have failed to respond to our annual verification process. The total number of concern here is 1,641.

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Tier Breakdown

• No assessment (minor offenses)	1,213
• Tier #1 (low risk)	1,530
• Tier #2 (likely to re-offend)	1,400
• Tier #3 (most likely to re-offend)	43

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A full blown concept plan from the
Criminal History Repository

- ♦ Step #1 SB-218 is a great start
- ♦ Step #2 Push for a web-site notification system (like most other states)
Impact on CHR if this step is not taken
Rough cost estimate to develop the web-site notification system
- Step #3 Push for a notification system that will include local law enforcement
This is how we might start to locate the 1,641 not in compliance
Rough cost estimate to get a system started

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Reminder of previous Legislative Testimony

- 1) The budget architecture for the Repository is flawed
- 2) Court Assessments have consistently been short, thus affecting the criminal history records (to include SOR)
- 3) Budget shortages have caused staff shortages
- 4) Staff shortages have caused huge backlogs

These SOR initiatives are being built on a shaky budget foundation that still needs Legislative attention

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Funding scheme to support these SOR initiatives

- ♦ Step #1 support the S.B. 218 bill draft
- ♦ Step # 2 push for web-based public notification system
 - \$50,000 estimate to build this system
 - \$35,000 may be available via Donna Coleman
 - \$15,000 could be covered from Byrne grant money
- ♦ Step # 3 push for a new system to connect SOR files with local law enforcement (via the NCJIS state switch)
 - \$2,500 estimate to get this connection started
 - \$2,500 could also be covered from Byrne money