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SUBJECT: July 1, 2020 Changes to Sex Offender Classification and Re-Registration Cycles

The Sex Offender Registry has moved away from the classification of offenders as either violent or sexual. Instead Virginia is moving to the Federal Tier system. There are three tiers in the new system and offenders will be placed into one of the following categories based on their offense.

Tier I (Formerly Sexual Offender) Must register for a minimum of 15 years. Reregistration is required yearly. Conviction of failing to register requires the offender to reregister every 6 months.

Tier II (Formerly Sexual Offender) Must register for a minimum of 25 years. Reregistration is required yearly. Conviction of failing to register requires the offender to reregister every 6 months.

Tier III (Formerly Sexually Violent Offender) Must register for life. Reregistration is required every 90 days. Conviction of failing to register requires the offender to reregister every month.

The reregistration process will also change for offenders after July 1. **Offenders that fall into Tier I and Tier II will NO LONGER receive an SP-236A in the mail.** After July 1, 2020, the compliance officer or Trooper will be required to conduct the reregistration during one of the semi-annual checks. The offender will no longer be on a schedule for reregistration.

Offenders that fall into Tier III will still receive an SP-236A via the U.S. Postal Service. What will change is the month and date the letter will arrive. The new mailings will be sent based on the offender's birth month and the first letter of their last name, as described in the new SOR pamphlet which is available on the Virginia State Police webpage.

Offenders that register each month will continue to reregister each month. However, their letters will come out based on the following schedule. This schedule will make it easier for offenders to anticipate the arrival of their letters.

If the offender's **last** name begins with **A-L**, their letter will be mailed on or before the first day of each month and will be due back to the State Police by the 15th of that same month.

If the offender's **last** name begins with **M-Z**, their letter will be mailed on or before the 16th of the month and will be due back on the last day of the month.

Offenders that currently reregister every 90 days will now reregister every 3 months based on their birth month. Letters will come out based on the following schedule. This schedule should make it easier for offenders to anticipate the arrival of their letters.

If the offender was born in:	The offender will receive a letter in these months.
January	January, April, July, October
February	February, May, August, November
March	March, June, September, December
April	April, July, October, January
May	May, August, November, February
June	June, September, December, March
July	July, October, January, April
August	August, November, February, May
September	September, December, March, June
October	October, January, April, July
November	November, February, May, August
December	December, March, June, September

When the letters are mailed out on their registration month, they will be mailed based on the following schedule.

If the offender's **last** name begins with **A-L**, their letter will be mailed on or before the first day of the month, and will be due back to the State Police by the 15th of that same month.

If the offender's **last** name begins with **M-Z**, their letter will be mailed on or before the 16th of the month, and will be due back on the last day of the month.

Example: An offender is Tier III (Sexually Violent Offender) and is required to reregister every 90 days. Their last name is Smith and they was born in September. Their SP-236A will be mailed on or before September 16th, December 16th, March 16th, and June 16th. The letter will be due back to VSP on the last day of the month it was mailed.