



What We Can Do For You


- Assist state, local, military, tribal and territorial partners in the location and apprehension of noncompliant sex offenders.
- Investigate violations of failure to register as a sex offender (18 U.S.C. § 2250) and related offenses.
- Assist in the identification and location of sex offenders relocated as a result of a major disaster.
- Combat international child trafficking through the enforcement of International Megan's Law.
- Provide assistance in the recovery of critically missing children.

Contact Information

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United States Marshals Service



Sex Offender Investigations Branch

Dedicated to protecting the public through the coordinated enforcement of sex offender registration laws, and to assisting law enforcement agencies in locating critically missing children.



Sex Offender Investigations Branch Resources

HISTORY

The role of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Sex Offender Investigations Branch (SOIB) is to direct and coordinate USMS responsibilities in connection with the Adam Walsh Act in three critical mission areas: assisting state, local, tribal, and territorial authorities in the location and apprehension of noncompliant sex offenders; investigating violations of the federal sex offender registration and notification act (SORNA); and assisting in the identification and location of sex offenders relocated as a result of a major disaster.

2006: Child Protection and Safety Act, also known as the Adam Walsh Act
USMS creates Sex Offender Investigations Branch (SOIB)

2015: Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act
USMS may assist in missing child cases regardless of presence of fugitive or sex offender nexus

2016: International Megan's Law
USMS shares sex offenders' international travel info with destination country and between federal, state, local and foreign agencies

The USMS SOIB also has dedicated units that investigate sex offenders who are noncompliant with International Megan's Law as well as assist in the recovery of missing children.

FIELD OPERATIONS

The USMS has specially trained investigators located in USMS offices across the U.S. and its territories who work with their state, local, tribal and territorial counterparts to identify, investigate and apprehend noncompliant sex offenders. In addition, USMS investigators assist these agencies in coordinating compliance checks on registered sex offenders and special enforcement operations that target those who fail to register as required by law.

NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER TARGETING CENTER (NSOTC)

The NSOTC serves as an interagency intelligence and operations center supporting the identification, investigation, location, apprehension, and prosecution of noncompliant sex offenders. The NSOTC houses the Operations Unit, International Megan's Law (IML) Unit, and the Missing Child Unit (MCU).

OPERATIONS UNIT

The Operations Unit assists with and coordinates investigative assistance, enforcement operations, compliance operations, and major disaster responses. NSOTC analysts assist in case generation for enforcement operations using a variety of investigative techniques and tools. Provides intelligence products in support of fugitive, sex offender, and missing child investigations.



MISSING CHILD UNIT (MCU)

The MCU develops, implements and oversees a comprehensive nationwide missing child investigative program. The MCU utilizes all available USMS investigative resources and disciplines in coordination with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to assist all federal, state and local law enforcement partners in locating and recovering endangered missing children.



INTERNATIONAL MEGAN'S LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT (IMLEU)

The IMLEU works collaboratively with the Department of Homeland Security's Angel Watch Center (AWC) in an effort to protect children and others from sexual abuse and exploitation by providing advanced notification of international travel of registered sex offenders and enforcement of the International Megan's Law. In support of this mission, the IMLEU has also detailed USMS Criminal Investigators and Intelligence Analysts to INTERPOL- U.S. National Central Bureau and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's National Targeting Center.