



**TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY  
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**TBI Public Website Wanted Sex Offender Program**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this procedure is to define the necessary guidelines for Tennessee Sex Offender Registering Agencies to submit candidates to be added to the TBI public Sex Offender Registry (SOR) website *Wanted Sex Offender Program*.

**PROCEDURAL PROCESS:**

1. The TBI public SOR website is located at [www.tbi.tn.gov](http://www.tbi.tn.gov) . After following the link to the “Sex Offender Registry”, the TBI public Sex Offender Registry home page appears. TBI features four (4) wanted sex offenders from across the state.
2. An attempt is made to profile one wanted offender from each area of the state: West, Middle, East, and Upper East, Tennessee. Due to the changing nature of wanted offenders across the state, there may be times where multiple offenders from the same area may be featured.
3. The offender must be wanted for at least one Sex Offender Registry violation. Additional charges against the offender may be considered when multiple candidates are submitted for the same area.

***(Note to TN Board of Probation and Parole Staff: The charge of “Violation of Probation” is not a Sex Offender Registry violation. If an offender is on probation and does not register as required by law, it is imperative that two (2) warrants are obtained against the offender. One warrant may be obtained for “Violation of Probation” (for failure to register according to law). A second warrant must be obtained for “Failure to Register or Report” under the Sex Offender Registry Law. If this is not done, the offender’s criminal history will only show an arrest/conviction for “Violation of Probation” and will have no history of registry law violations, which is used in determining a sexual offender’s eligibility for future termination from the registry.)***

4. To be featured on the public SOR website, the offender must be entered as a wanted person in NCIC. All sex offenders listed on the Tennessee Sex Offender Registry who have active warrants of any kind must be entered as a wanted person in NCIC, regardless of extradition intent, and regardless if they are highlighted as a wanted offender on the SOR public website homepage.
5. For offenders to be featured on the public SOR website homepage, the Registering Agency (NCIC entering agency) must be willing to extradite the offender from a minimum area of all Tennessee surrounding states.



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6. To submit a wanted sex offender to be considered for feature on the TBI public SOR website, Registering Agencies may contact TBI Intelligence Analyst William Rieder, at [william.rieder@tn.gov](mailto:william.rieder@tn.gov) , office 615-744-4165, or the SOR Hotline 888-837-4170.
7. Agencies must submit a copy of the arrest warrant(s) for the offender to the TBI Sex Offender Registry Unit.
8. If the offender is featured on the TBI public SOR website, the Registering Agency will receive analytical assistance from the Tennessee Fusion Center in locating the wanted offender. The TBI may also choose to assign an Agent to open a TBI fugitive investigation, coordinate with the United States Marshals Service, and/or assist the Registering Agency in the apprehension of the offender.
9. If the offender is featured on the TBI public SOR website, and is later apprehended, the Registering Agency shall immediately notify TBI Intelligence Analyst William Rieder, at [william.rieder@tn.gov](mailto:william.rieder@tn.gov) , office 615-744-4165, or the SOR Hotline 888-837-4170, and provide details of the apprehension.
10. When a vacancy occurs allowing a new offender to be featured on the TBI public SOR website, the supervisor of the TBI Sex Offender Registry Unit (SORU) shall send an announcement to Tennessee Registering Agencies via the SOR group e-mail distribution list. The announcement shall outline the area of the state where the vacancy exists and the guidelines for submitting candidates for consideration.