



# HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Sex Offender Registry

### **Sex Offender Registry**

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Tennessee's Sex Offender Registry began in 1995 as a result of the enactment of federal laws that required states to create and maintain individual sex offender registries. Currently, Tennessee registers offenders who plead to certain enumerated offenses or equivalent offenses from other jurisdictions, no matter the date of conviction, plea, or expiration of sentence. Offenders who do not meet Tennessee's criteria, but are required to register in other states, are also required to register under certain circumstances. All registered offenders are found on TBI's internet site, and the entries contain information released pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, §40-39-206. Sex offenders are registered by local law enforcement or the Board of Probation/Parole; however, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is responsible for the Registry website and for maintaining the original registration documents.

The Hamilton County Sheriff Office operates a registration station for registered sex offenders living, working, or attending a College/University in Hamilton County. Offenders needing to register must call 423-209-7198 and ask to speak with an officer to set up an appointment. Offenders must register with HCSO SOR to maintain compliance with TCA 40-39-203.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation: the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registration, Verification, and Tracking Act of 2004 was established in TCA 40-39-201 et. seq. and became effective August 1, 2004.

Any person convicted of an offense listed in Tenn. Code Ann. 40-39-202 has a duty to register in Tennessee. This requirement also applies to individuals who have a duty to register in another jurisdiction prior to their presence in Tennessee, as well as individuals who commit an offense in another jurisdiction which would constitute an offense requiring registration if committed in Tennessee

Please contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Unit if you have any information regarding discrepancies pertaining to an offender living in Hamilton County.