



## Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly

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Member

September 21, 2006

Hon. Frank Quennell  
Minister of Justice  
Room 355 Legislative Building  
Regina SK S4S 0B3

Dear Minister Quennell,

Following the terrible circumstances of two children being abducted by known sex offender Peter Whitmore in late July, the Official Opposition Saskatchewan Party called on your government to develop a website that provides information to the public about high risk offenders who live in the province or are going to be released into the province. Such a website exists in neighbouring provinces of both Manitoba and Alberta.

It is my understanding from your comments in the media that you were supportive of this idea. I am writing today to find out the status of this website's development, as well as to find out when you anticipate the people of Saskatchewan will be able to utilize such a tool.

I would also like to take this opportunity to discuss a related matter with you. Since the *unfortunate incident in the Whitewood area this summer*, the citizens of Moose Jaw were recently surprised to find out only after the fact that a known pedophile had been in the city for an extended period of time. It is my understanding that the Moose Jaw police followed proper protocol and did the best they could to move through the public disclosure process as quickly as possible.

On Tuesday afternoon, Chief Terry Coleman of the Moose Jaw Police was on a News Talk Radio show and explained that the Department of Justice does not work on such files over the weekend. I am writing to request an explanation for how such requests are dealt with by your department once they have been received from a police service. I would also urge you to review the time frame of the public disclosure process with the aim of finding a way to speed up that process so that communities are alerted to the presence of a known sex offender while in their community, not after the fact.

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I know many parents and citizens in our province would rest easier knowing that requests of this nature to the Department of Justice are dealt with as expeditiously as possible, even if that means on a weekend.

Thank you for your attention to these urgent matters. I look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Morgan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Don Morgan  
MLA Saskatoon South East  
Saskatchewan Party Justice Critic

cc: Don Toth, MLA Moosomin  
Malcolm Green, Mayor of Whitewood