

Online Sex-Offender Registry Upgraded

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North Carolina now has an updated sex offender registry Web site for citizens who want more specific information about where child molesters, rapists and other criminals live.

The upgrades, announced yesterday by Attorney General Roy Cooper, allow anyone to receive e-mail alerts when a sex offender moves in a neighborhood or near a school. The Web user also can view maps that highlight how many registered sex offenders live in within a 1, 3 or 5-mile radius of a specific address. Cooper said knowing more about where offenders live will help communities stay vigilant about safety. The General Assembly gave \$200,000 last year to Cooper's Department of Justice to help pay for the upgrade.