



The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248)

On July 27, 2006, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248) was signed into law. The Act provides that the "Attorney General shall use the resources of Federal law enforcement, including the United States Marshals Service, to assist jurisdictions in locating and apprehending sex offenders who violate sex offender registration requirements".

The new law also established a new federal crime (18 USC § 2250) which subjects sex offenders who knowingly fail to register (or to keep their registration current) to up to ten years imprisonment in the event that they travel in interstate or foreign commerce.

Thus, in addition to assisting state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement authorities in locating and apprehending unregistered sex offenders, the U.S. Marshals Service will also work with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and the U.S. Attorneys Offices to investigate potential violations of 18 USC § 2250.

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