- Cal. Penal Code § 290.015 requires a convicted sex offender to register, or reregister if he or she has previously registered, upon release from incarceration, placement, commitment, or release on probation. The registration shall consist of all of the following:
- (1) A statement in writing signed by the person providing information required by the Department of Justice, the name and address of the person's employer, and the address of the person's place of employment if that is different from the employer's main address.
- (2) The fingerprints and a current photograph of the person taken by the registering official.
- (3) The license plate number of any vehicle owned by, regularly driven by, or registered in the name of the person.
- (4) A list of any and all Internet identifiers (email addresses, social network accounts, chat room aliases, etc.) established or used by the person.
- (5) A list of any and all Internet service providers used by the person.
- (6) A statement in writing, signed by the person, acknowledging that the person is required to register and update the information in paragraphs (4) and (5).
- (7) Notice to the person that, in addition to the requirements of the Act, he or she may have a duty to register in any other state where he or she may relocate.
- (8) Copies of adequate proof of residence, which shall be limited to a California driver's license, California identification card, recent rent or utility receipt, printed personalized checks or other recent banking documents showing that person's name and address, or any other information that the registering official believes is reliable. If the person has no residence and no reasonable expectation of obtaining a residence in the foreseeable future, the person will so advise the registering official and then sign a statement provided by the registering official stating that fact. Upon presentation of proof of residence to the registering official or a signed statement that the person has no residence, the person shall be allowed to register. If the person claims that he or she has a residence but does not have any proof of residence, he or she shall be allowed to register but shall furnish proof of residence within 30 days of the date he or she is allowed to register.

Within three days after the person registers, the registering law enforcement agency or agencies shall forward the statement, fingerprints, photograph, and vehicle license plate number, if any, to the Department of Justice.

If a person fails to register after release, the district attorney in the jurisdiction where the person was to be paroled or to be on probation may request that a warrant be issued for the person's arrest and shall have the authority to prosecute that person. If the person was not on parole or probation at the time of release, the district attorney in the applicable jurisdiction still has the authority to prosecute that person.

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