

Sex Offender Registration: Compliance and Enforcement Operations

USMS is available to assist in the locating or apprehending of non-compliant sex offenders and to investigate possible violations of the federal failure to register statute, 18 U.S.C. § 2250. Absent evidence of non-compliance, USMS may act as a 'back up' or 'force multiplier' during compliance checks. Any SORNA non-compliant sex offender in Indian Country may be investigated for a federal failure to register offense.

Sex Offender Registration: International Travel of Registered Sex Offenders

International Megan's Law (IML) was passed in 2016 and requires registered sex offenders to provide advance notice of international travel to their local registration agencies. NSOTC is the agency responsible for vetting these advance international travel notifications. Resources have been developed which may assist a tribal investigator or prosecutor in cases where a sex offender has fled the country, has a valid passport and the prosecutor is concerned that the offender may try to flee the country in violation of pre-trial or probation conditions, or intends to travel internationally while required to register as a sex offender.

Sex Offender Registration: Training and Outreach

USMS offers training to state, local, tribal and military law enforcement regarding the role of USMS in enforcing, investigating and prosecuting violations of the federal failure to register statute, 18 U.S.C. § 2250. In addition, NSOTC facilitates working groups and other meetings to develop and strengthen relationships with state, local, tribal, military, territory and federal law enforcement partners to improve compliance with and enforcement of sex offender registration requirements.

Missing Child Unit

The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 expanded USMS' authority such that it may now assist in investigating cases involving a missing child who is at elevated risk or is suspected to be the victim of a violent crime, regardless of whether a sex offender is suspected in the abduction. To that end, the Missing Child Unit was created within NSOTC and is available to provide USMS' full suite of analytical, investigative, and intelligence resources on any qualified missing child case. To date, MCU has assisted in the recovery of more than 1,500 missing children. Tribal law enforcement are eligible to request assistance from the MCU.

Connections with Other Agencies

- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) & Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)
- Department of Defense
- State Department

To contact USMS to request assistance for cases involving noncompliant sex offenders, international travel, or to request training, outreach or technical assistance, please email IOD.NSOTC@usdoj.gov or contact your local Deputy United States Marshal.