

# Sex offender trying to interact with kids in S. Tahoe



Police are warning people about sex offender Wesley Goetz. Photos/Provided

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South Lake Tahoe police are recanting some of the information released about registered sex offender Wesley Goetz.

Goetz is on lifetime supervision, but he is not on active parole in Nevada. He is permitted to travel into California.

Police say Goetz's desire to obtain a business license in South Lake Tahoe do not amount a parole violation or any other criminal violation.

Goetz must still adhere to several special conditions including staying away from areas or businesses which children frequent, and not accessing the Internet without permission.

Goetz is not wanted by law enforcement officials. Goetz is currently in compliance the terms of his supervision.

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A registered sex offender from Nevada has been trying to start a business in South Lake Tahoe that involves children.

Wesley Goetz, 55, lives in Incline Village is a Tier II sex offender out of Nevada. He was convicted in 1998 for felony lewdness with a child under 14, and is on lifetime supervision for his crimes.

Coming into the city limits is a violation of his parole.

South Lake Tahoe officials said Goetz applied – and was denied – a license for an Internet-based business. He also tried to obtain a business license to be a photographer at children's birthday parties, a handyman and a traveling salesman. He was also denied licenses for those businesses.

Part of Goetz's parole conditions is that he must stay away from areas and businesses which children frequent, and not access the Internet without permission.

South Lake Tahoe police detectives say Goetz has falsely claimed that he has permission to be near children, and that he has permission to leave Nevada. Authorities say he has also lied to El Dorado and Placer counties deputies.

Goetz has a valid Nevada driver's license and two vehicles registered in his name; a 1991 Ford Aerostar van bearing NV/805WXK and a 1995 Honda motorcycle bearing NV/177782.

Anyone seeing Goetz near children or in California should call authorities. He is a white male, brown hair, blue eyes, 5-foot-4-inches, and 140 pounds.

**Officers have provided the following information:**

- Registered sex offenders in California are listed online.
- Registered sex offenders in Nevada are online.
- The offender registry includes only people who have been

required by law to register and who are in compliance with the offender registration laws.

- The information contained in the registry is provided as a public service and may not be current or accurate.
- Persons should not rely solely on the offender registry as a safeguard against offenses in their communities.
- The crime for which a person is convicted may not accurately reflect the level of risk.
- Anyone who uses information contained in the registry to harass registrants or commit any crime may be subject to criminal prosecution.

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