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INTERNET SEX OFFENDER WARNING ISSUED

Williams County Prosecutor Tom Thompson has announced that the Ohio Attorney Generals Office is issuing a warning to parents to be actively involved in the use of internet social networking sites, such as the website Myspace, by their children. Myspace has reported that thousands of sexual predators are registered on the site. There have also been reports of registered sex offenders using the site to communicate with and/or attempt to meet with minors. The Attorney General's Office is working to identify those offenders. Once identified, this information will be provided to local law enforcement.

This is a significant public safety issue and parents are encouraged to discuss the use of Myspace and other networking sites with their children and to continue monitoring their children's internet use.

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