Colorado at Boulder's police department, which has had several students and news reporters ask to see its list of registered sex offenders affiliated with the university. "It's impossible to quantify crime-preventive effectiveness because the crimes obviously never happen," he says.

"But it's important to be knowledgeable so you can take the appropriate actions and be aware" of the presence of sex offenders. "These exist everywhere, including college campuses."

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