

Georgia media reacts to NARSOL's press release re Cobb County sheriff

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As of today, two Georgia media outlets have done stories about NARSOL's [cease-and-desist letter](#) to Georgia sheriff Neil Warren and our [related press release](#). One of them also taped a video interview with our E.D. Brenda Jones. We hope to post that video here soon. In the meantime, here are the stories.

Group confronts Cobb County sheriff over 'invented requirements' imposed on sex offenders

By [Joe Henke](#) . . . A sex offender rights group is accusing the Cobb County Sheriff's Office of overstepping Georgia's sex offender registration laws.

[In a letter sent this week to Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren](#), the North Carolina based National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws ([NARSOL](#)) claims deputies are "imposing invented requirements not contained in Georgia law."

NARSOL Executive Director Brenda Jones, in the letter, writes the requirements the sheriff's office is imposing are considered harassment. The letter includes four specific claims against the Cobb County Sheriff's Office.

First, registrants are allegedly being required to have personal contact four to 10 times a year at a deputies' discretion – [a requirement NARSOL claims isn't detailed in state law](#).

Second, deputies are accused of leaving cards demanding registrants call or face arrest, in excess of required sex offender renewal requirements.

"You do not have any authority to arrest a person who chooses not to call," the letter states. "Registrants are not required to call the sheriff's office simply because a deputy would like to have them do so."

Third, deputies are described in the letter as knocking on doors and demanding to speak with registrants "outside of reasonable hours" and beyond what state law details.

Fourth, sex offender list registrants are also claiming when renewing or updating their information, the sheriff's office is requiring them to write down their work hours – a requirement not listed in state law.

[**Read the remainder of the piece here at 11Alive.**](#)

Sex Offender Rights Group Threatens Sheriff with Lawsuit

COBB COUNTY, Ga. – Several Georgia counties are catching heat from the National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws ([NARSOL](#)) over the imposition of unlawful registration requirements.

NARSOL is an organization that opposes dehumanizing registries and works to eliminate discrimination against those accused or convicted of sexual offenses. Some of their goals include

promoting laws targeting harmful acts instead of entire classes of people, advocating for review and removal of currently committed persons who do not meet the dangerousness criteria, and seeking out programs that effectively reintegrate and rehabilitate former offenders.

The organization first turned their attention to Georgia during the Halloween season when two of our counties decided to “overstep their legal authority” by placing signs at the homes of registered sex offenders warning trick-or-treaters to stay away. . . .

In January of 2020, a Georgia county found itself under NARSOL’s radar yet again. Sheriff Neil Warren of Cobb County received a [cease-and-desist letter](#) on January 27 for imposing “invented requirements” that are not contained in the Georgia Sex Offender Notification and Registration Act (SORNA).

[*Read the full piece here at ValdostaToday.com.*](#)