

ENROLLED ACT NO. 11, SENATE

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; providing that specified information relating to a sexual offense shall not be released prior to the filing of an information or indictment in a district court; repealing a similar provision; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 6-2-319(a) and (b) is amended to read:

6-2-319. Names not to be released; restrictions on disclosures or publication of information; violations; penalties.

(a) Prior to the filing of an information or indictment in district court charging a violation of ~~W.S. 6-2-314 through 6-2-318~~ an offense under this article, neither the names of the ~~person accused~~ alleged actor or the victim of the charged offense nor any other information reasonably likely to disclose the identity of the victim shall be released or negligently allowed to be released to the public by any public employee except as authorized by the judge with jurisdiction over the criminal charges. The actor's name ~~of the person accused~~ may be released to the public to aid or facilitate an arrest.

(b) After the filing of an information or indictment in district court and absent a request to release the identity of a minor victim by the minor or another acting on behalf of a minor victim, the trial court shall, to the extent necessary to protect the welfare of the minor victim, restrict the disclosure of the name of the minor victim, unless the name has been publicly disclosed by the parent or legal guardian of the minor or by law enforcement

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in an effort to find the victim. The trial court may, to the extent necessary to protect the welfare of the minor victim, restrict disclosure of the information reasonably likely to identify the minor victim.

Section 2. W.S. 6-2-310 is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2009.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk