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Police: Sex offender lived near daycares

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Authorities have arrested a homeless registered sex offender they say was living in close proximity to three daycare centers and a public park.

Howard Charles Poteete, 33, was charged with two counts of violation of the sex offender registry law. Sheriff's office records list Poteete as homeless.

An arrest warrant alleges Poteete was found to be in the vicinity of three daycares — Craft Day School, Estes Child Care and Sylvan Learning Center — as well as Woodland Park.

According to Tennessee law, registered sex offenders are banned from being within 1,000 feet of a daycare center or public park when children younger than 18 are present.

The online registry lists Poteete as being convicted of sexual battery by an authority figure.

Poteete remained jailed Tuesday with no bond set.

