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Bloomington Resident or Business:

Pursuant to Minnesota State Statute, the Bloomington Police Department is releasing information on a **Level III predatory offender** who is moving into our community. Bloomington Police takes an aggressive role in verifying predatory offender registration information, and making that information available to its residents. We believe that a well-informed public makes for a safer community. Attached you will find:

- Frequently Asked Questions about Predatory Offenders
- Fact Sheet on Michael Deon Harris (Level 3 Predatory Offender)

There will be a public Community Notification Meeting regarding Michael Harris on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at CrossPoint Church, 9801 France Ave. S.

Our Crime Prevention Unit and our Crimes Against Persons Unit have compiled this information, in an effort to make our community safer. Please read this information carefully as community notification has shown to be effective in preventing predatory offenses.

Finally, I encourage all of you to take part in our most effective crime prevention tool, the Bloomington Police Neighborhood Watch Program. If you have any questions about this particular predatory offender or our Predatory Offender Registration Program, please contact Detective George Harms at 952-563-4689. If you need further information on our Neighborhood Watch Program, contact Crime Prevention Coordinator, Katie Swatosh at 952-563-8808.

Sincerely,

Mark Stehlik
Commander
BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bloomington Police Department

Fact Sheet

NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE IN MINNESOTA

RISK LEVEL THREE

In addition to level two notification (schools and daycares as well as establishments and organizations that primarily serve individuals likely to be victimized by the offender), law enforcement may notify other members of the community whom the offender is likely to encounter.

The **Bloomington Police Department** is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The **Bloomington Police Department** may be reached at 952-563-4900. To report criminal activity by this offender or any other individual, please call 911.

MICHAEL DEON HARRIS

DOB: 09/04/1985

OID: 230454

Race: Black	Ethnicity: None Listed
Height: 6' 2"	Eyes: Brown
Weight: 193 lbs.	Hair: Black
Complexion:	Build: Unknown



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Registration Statute(s): 609.344 (charge)

Investigating Agency: St. Peter Police Department

Release Date: Late March

Supervision Agent: Not Applicable – Sentence Expired

Offense: Offender engaged in sexual contact with victim (male, age 17) on numerous occasions over approximately one month. The contact included sexual touching, oral sex, and penetration. Offender gained compliance through intimidation and threats. Victim is considered a vulnerable adult. Offender was known to victim.

Address: 9800 Block of Upton Circle South, Bloomington, MN 55431

Date of Address Change: 03/18/2016

The **Bloomington Police Department** is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052. This statute authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sexual or predatory offender's release from prison or a secure treatment facility when the **Bloomington Police Department** believes that the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct or another offense that requires registration with law enforcement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 243.166 or 243.167.

This offender is **not wanted by the police** at this time and **has served the sentence** imposed on him/her by the court. This notification is not intended to increase fear in the community. Law enforcement believes that an informed public is a safer public.

The **Bloomington Police Department** may not direct where the offender does or does not reside, nor can this agency direct where he/she works or goes to school. The risk level of this offender has been determined largely on his/her potential to re-offend based on his/her previous behavior.

Convicted sexual and predatory offenders have always been released to live in our communities. It was not until the passage of the Registration Act that law enforcement had an ability to track movement of these offenders after their initial release. With the passage of the Community Notification Act law enforcement may now share information about many of these offenders with the public. Abuse of this information to threaten, harass or intimidate a registered offender is unacceptable and such acts could be charged as a crime. Such abuses could potentially end the ability of law enforcement to provide these notifications. If community notification ends the only person who wins is the offender. Many of these offenders derive their power from the opportunity that secrecy provides.



Predatory Offender Information and Resources

Minnesota Predatory Offender Registration (POR) Program

In 1991, the Minnesota Legislature enacted the first version of Minnesota's registration law and established the Sex Offender Registration Unit (SOR) at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

During the next several years, the registration statute underwent significant changes and continued to broaden the types of offenses that require registration.

On August 1, 2000, another version of the registration law was enacted and the name of the unit was changed to Predatory Offender Registration (POR) to more accurately reflect the offenses that trigger registration. The Unit processes approximately 30,000 offender updates each year.

Today, the POR Unit is comprised of investigative support staff and special agents who are responsible for monitoring and tracking Minnesota's registered offenders.

What is Community Notification?

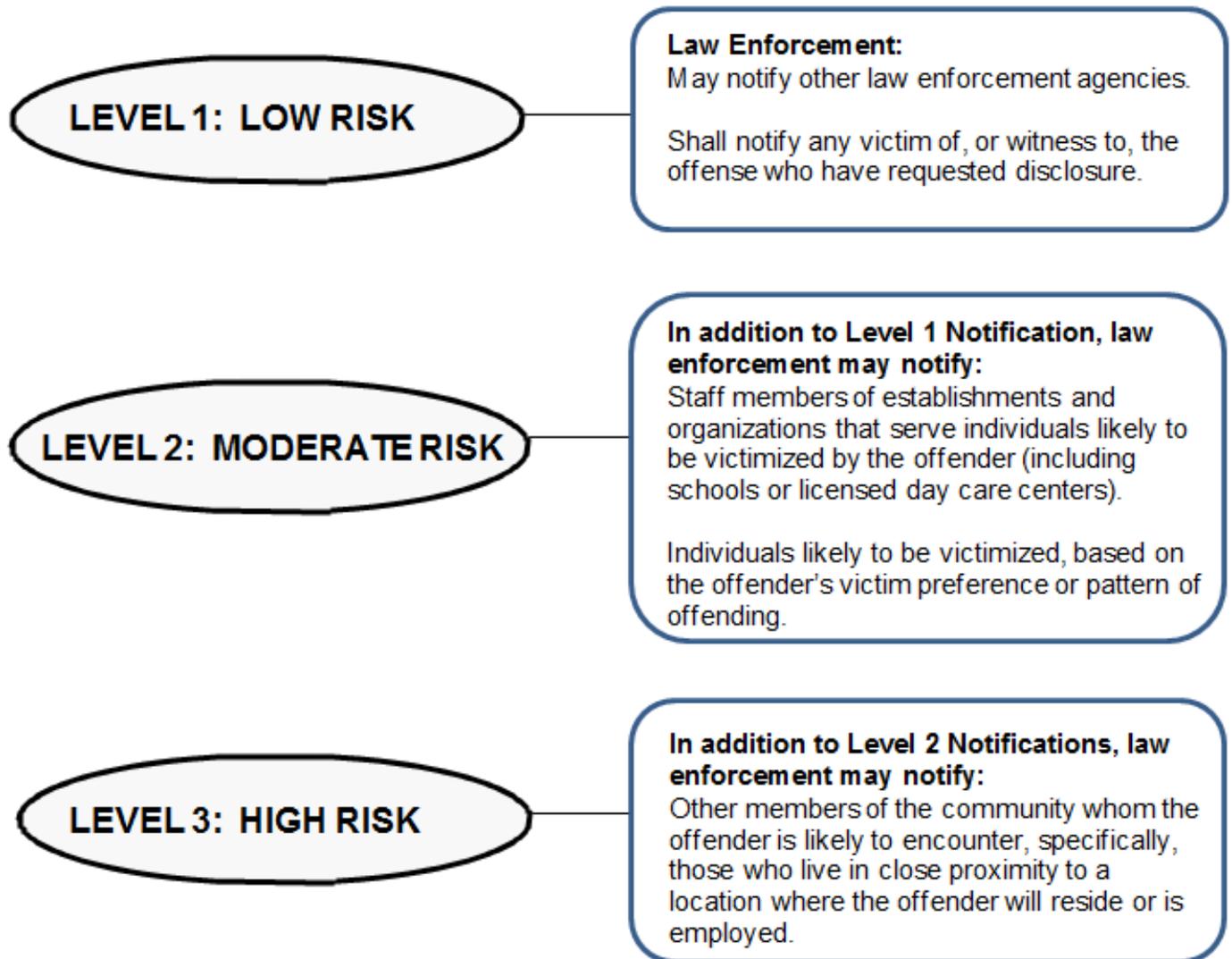
Prior to release from prison, all predatory offenders are assessed by a panel of experts to determine how likely they are to re-offend. "Level 3" is a risk assessment assigned to a convicted predatory offender that is considered a high risk for re-offense. Community Notification is the process of informing the public when a Level 3 Predatory Offender is released from custody *or* when they relocate.

Why notify the community?

In 1996, the Minnesota State Legislature charged local law enforcement agencies with the responsibility of notifying their communities when a Level 3 Predatory Offender moves into their jurisdiction. The legislature found that, "...if members of the public are provided with adequate notice and information about a predatory offender who has been or is about to be released from custody and who lives or will live in or near their neighborhood, the community can develop constructive plans to prepare themselves and their children for the offender's release."

Who is notified?

Notification depends on the level of risk. The graph below depicts the notification basis dependent on the level of risk.



How are people notified?

When a level 3 Predatory Offender moves into a neighborhood, after his or her address has been verified, a community meeting is organized. The meeting takes place near the same neighborhood the offender will be/is residing in. A press release is sent out to inform the community of the meeting. In addition, citizens and businesses located within a determined radius of the offender will receive a letter notifying them of the meeting's time and location.

At the meeting, community members are provided information about the Community Notification Law, personal safety topics, the rights and responsibilities of the offender, and have the opportunity to ask a panel of experts any questions they may have. Those attending will also receive an offenders fact sheet containing a photo of the offender, their name, the approximate location they will be/are residing, as well as a brief description of their offense.

Frequently Asked Questions further information at <https://por.state.mn>

Q: What types of offenses require registration in Minnesota?

- Criminal Sexual Conduct and Felony Level Indecent Exposure
- Kidnapping and False Imprisonment
- Soliciting a minor to engage in prostitution or sexual conduct
- Using a minor in a sexual performance
- Possession of pictorial representations of minors

Q: How long are offenders required to register?

- All registrants are required to register for a minimum period of 10 years or the duration of probation, whichever is longer.
- Some registrants are required to register for life.
- Convictions for Failure to Register violations result in 5 additional years of registration.

Q: What are the consequences for offenders who fail to register?

- Each conviction for Failure to Register results in an additional 5 years being added to the subject's registration period and they are subject to a prison sentence.

Q: What is a risk level?

- Risk levels are assigned by the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC), not the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Q: Why doesn't every registrant have a risk level? Approximately 75% of the offenders registered in MN have never been assigned a risk level.

- Juvenile registrants do not receive risk levels.
- Registrants sentenced to probation do not receive risk levels.
- Registrants who were released from a MN prison prior to January 1, 1997, did not receive risk levels.

Q: Are registrants allowed to have contact with children?

- There are no provisions in M.S. § 243.166, Minnesota's registration law, which prohibit registered offenders from having contact with minors.
- Restricting contact with minors is frequently a condition of the registrant's probation or parole; however, if the person is no longer on probation or parole, those restrictions are no longer effective. Inquiries regarding a registrant's conditions of release should be directed to the registrant's probation or parole officer.

Q: Can registrants live near a school or daycare center?

- There are no provisions in M.S. § 243.166, Minnesota's registration law, which prohibit registered offenders from living in the vicinity of a school or daycare.
- Restricting a registrant's residency can be a condition of the registrant's probation or parole; however, if the person is no longer on probation or parole, those restrictions are no longer effective. Inquiries regarding a registrant's residency restrictions should be directed to the registrant's probation or parole officer.

Q: What should I do if I see a registered offender violating the terms of his supervision?

- Call 911. A police officer will begin the investigation to see if charges can be filed.

Resources

Call 911 if:

You see a crime in progress or see suspicious activity.

Bloomington Police Department

1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55431
952-563-4900 (non-emergency)
www.bloomingtonmn.gov

Neighborhood Watch Program

There are approximately 350 Neighborhood Watch Groups in Bloomington. If you are interested in setting up a Neighborhood Watch Group, please call Crime Prevention Coordinator, Katie Swatosh, 952-563-8808.

Hennepin County Community Corrections

Monitors predatory offenders residing in Hennepin County who are released and on a probation status.

docr@hennepin.us
612-348-6180

Minnesota Department of Corrections

The Department of Corrections' role in Community Notification is to assess the "risk level" of each predatory offender before release from a correctional facility.

1450 Energy Park Dr. Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55108
651-361-7200
www.doc.state.mn.us

Stop It Now

Provides information and resources to help adults prevent sexual abuse before it happens. Provides parents with resources on how to talk to your children.

651-644-8515
Hot line: 1-888-PREVENT (773-8368)
www.stopitnow.com/mn

Hennepin Child Protection Services

General information and resources:
612-348-4111
To make a child protection report:
612-348-3551

Cornerstone

A violence prevention organization based in Bloomington, MN. Provides resources and safe housing to anyone in imminent danger.
Crisis Hotline – 1-866-223-1111
1000 E. 80th St.
Bloomington, MN 55420
952-884-0376

Jacob Wetterling Foundation

Information on child exploitation/abduction prevention, and resources for parents on how to talk with your children.

1-800-325 HOPE (4673) – Greater MN
651-714-4673 – Metro area
Community Outreach – Stephanie Stout
www.jwf.org

Missing Children of Minnesota

Non-profit agency which provides resources and help to families of runaway and missing youth.
612-334-9449
www.missingchildrenmn.org

Minnesota Legislature

The legislature establishes the laws that govern citizens and mandate actions of the state agencies. Questions about laws should be directed to the legislators in the Senate and House.

Senate Information – 651-296-0504
House Information – 651-296-2146