



Office of the Sheriff

**ANOKA COUNTY
SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

LEVEL 2 PREDATORY OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

Dear Resident:

Pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 244.052, The Anoka County Sheriff's Office is notifying the community of a Level 2 Predatory Offender moving into the vicinity of 232nd Ave NE, Linwood. State statute allows for a limited mailing in the offender's immediate proximity. It does not allow for a public meeting or a community wide notification.

Attached is a fact sheet giving further information about the registered predatory offender who will be moving into the community. The information provided is all the information our office is authorized to release.

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office cannot dictate where a predatory offender chooses to reside. Nor do we have the authority to prohibit him from living in any particular community.

The purpose of a community notification is to give information to alleviate fear and to answer questions. An important factor to consider is that people who commit sex crimes have always lived in our communities. The difference is that since the 1990's, Minnesota statutes allow local law enforcement agencies to inform citizens of certain offender's general whereabouts.

Sincerely,

Sheriff James Stuart
Anoka County Sheriff's Office

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FACT SHEET

NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE IN MINNESOTA

RISK LEVEL TWO

In addition to level one notification (other law enforcement agencies, any victims of, or witnesses to, the offense committed by the offender), law enforcement may notify staff members of public and private educational institutions, day care establishments, or other establishments and organizations that primarily serve individuals likely to be victimized by the offender.

The *Anoka County Sheriff's Office* is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The *Anoka County Sheriff's Office* may be reached at (763) 323-5000. To report criminal activity by this offender or any other individual, please call 911.

BRIAN PATRICK MERKT

DOB: 11/29/1973

OID: 192206

Race: White	Hispanic: No
Height: 5'	Eyes: Brown
Weight: 200	Hair: Brown
Complexion: Fair	Build: Large

Registration statute(s): 609.342 & 609.185

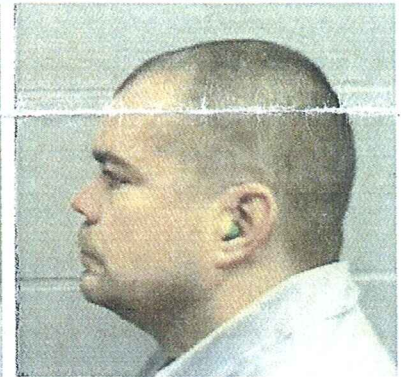
Investigating agency: Shakopee Police Department

Release date: 01/08/2014

Supervision agent: Scot Wilson at 763-433-3174



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Offender engaged in sexual contact with a 3 year-old female victim. The contact included penetration. Offender gained compliance through physical force. Victim suffered injuries and died as a result. Offender was known to victim.

Address: 232nd Avenue Northeast, rural Stacy, MN 55079

Date of address change: 03/10/2014

The *Anoka County Sheriff's Office* 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 *Anoka County Sheriff's Office* 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 *Anoka County Sheriff's Office* 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 track the 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.

For questions about sex offenders and community notification, go to www.doc.state.mn.us and click on "Search for Offenders"