

Minneapolis Police Department

FACT SHEET

NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE IN MINNESOTA

RISK LEVEL THREE

In addition to level two notifications (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 *Minneapolis Police Department* is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The *Minneapolis Police Department* may be reached at (612) 673-3932. To report criminal activity by this offender or any other individual, please call 911.

SHANNON MICHAEL BENSON**DOB: 09/14/1979****OID: 200851**

Race: White	Ethnicity: None Listed
Height: 5' 10"	Eyes: Blue
Weight: 140 lbs.	Hair: Blonde
Complexion: Fair	Build: Medium

Registration statute(s): 609.344

Investigating agency: St. Peter Police Department
Rochester Police Department

Release date: 08/05/2007



04/21/2014



10/07/2013

Offender has a history of sexual conduct and contact with male and female minor victims (age 6-13). Conduct has included exposure. Contact has included penetration. Offender has used manipulation and force to gain compliance. Offender was known to victims.

Address: 3500 block of Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Date of address change: 08/05/2014

The *Minneapolis 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 *Minneapolis 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 *Minneapolis 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 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.