

Willmar 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 *Willmar Police Department* is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The *Willmar Police Department* may be reached 320-235-2244. To report criminal activity by this offender or any other individual, please call 911.

DENNIS JAMES KIRKWOOD**DOB: 06/18/1958****OID: 221001**

Race: Black Hispanic: No
 Height: 5'04" Eyes: Brown
 Weight: 339 lbs. Hair: Gray
 Complexion: Medium Brown Build: Large

Registration statute(s): 609.345

Investigating agency: Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Release date: 04/12/2013



04/05/2013



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Offender has a history of sexual contact with adult female victims. Contact has included penetration. Offender has gained compliance through use of force. Offender has been known and unknown to victims.

Address: 1100 Sixth Street Southeast, Willmar, MN 56201

Date of address change: 06/17/2015

The *Willmar 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 *Willmar 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 *Willmar 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.