

Cass County Sheriff's Office

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 registrant), law enforcement may notify other members of the community whom the registrant is likely to encounter.

The *Cass County Sheriff's Office* is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The *Cass County Sheriff's Office* may be reached at 218-547-1424. To report criminal activity by this or any other individual, please call 911.

MICHAEL PAUL HENSON

DOB: 08/27/1971

OID: 178682

Race: White

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 185 lbs.

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Brown

Registration Statute(s): 617.23.2(1); 609.343

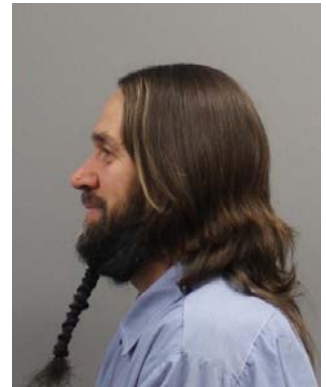
Investigating Agency: Baxter Police Department, Sartell Police Department

Release Date: 04/16/2020

Supervision Agent: Christopher Vierzba C: 320-333-0654



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Offense: Michael Henson engaged in criminal sexual conduct and contact against two separate female children, not known to him. Henson gained access to each victim, on separate occasions while in public, at retail stores. He exposed himself to a victim and sexually touched a victim.

Address: Vicinity of Swede Lake Trail Southwest and 12th Street Southwest, rural Backus, MN 56435

Date of Address Change: 02/15/2021

The *Cass County Sheriff's Office* is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052 and 253D. This statute authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform communities of a public registrant's release from prison or a secure treatment facility when the *Cass 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 individual *has served the sentence* imposed on them by the court and is transitioning into the community. This notification is not intended to increase fear but rather raise awareness. Law enforcement believes that an informed public is a safer public.

The *Cass County Sheriff's Office* may not direct where this individual does or does not reside, nor can this agency direct where they work or go to school.

Convicted sexual and predatory individuals 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 individuals after their initial release. With the passage of the Community Notification Act law enforcement may now share information about many of these individuals with the public. Abuse of this information to threaten, harass or intimidate a registered person 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.
