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DATE: 8/1/2023

SUBJECT: Level Two Subject to Broad Notification

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NATURE OF INCIDENT:

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

Level Two Subject to Broad Notification

The **Duluth Police Department** is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The **Duluth Police Department** may be reached at 218-730-5400. To report criminal activity by this registrant or any other individual, please call 911.

Name: Richard Walter Evoniuk

DOB: 05/30/1946

Race: White

Height: 6'6"

Weight: 191 lbs

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Bald

Registration Statute(s): 609.343

Investigating Agency: Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

Civil Commit Provisional Discharge Release Date: 10/21/1997

MSOP Reintegration Agent: Pat Quigley (507) 508-5184

Offense: Richard Evoniuk has a history of engaging in sexual contact against known, female children. In each incident he gained and exploited unmonitored access to the victims through the use of his various relationships of trust. Evoniuk used the victims' confusion and naivete to maintain control.

Address: 5600 block of Grand Avenue, Duluth, MN 55807

Date of Address Change: 08/01/2023

The **Duluth Police Department** is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052 and 253D. These statutes authorize law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a public registrant's release from prison or a secure treatment facility when the **Duluth 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. **Pursuant to statute 253D.32**, notification of the public and disclosure of information under section 244.052, subdivision 4, regarding an individual who was committed under this chapter; regardless of an individual's assigned risk level, local law enforcement may proceed with the broadest disclosure authorized under section 244.052 subdivision 4 (level 3).

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 **Duluth Police Department** may not direct where this individual does or does not reside, nor can this agency direct where he/she works or goes to school.

Those convicted of sexual or predatory offenses 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 individual 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.

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