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DATE: 10/22/2025

SUBJECT: High Risk Predatory Offender Notification

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NATURE OF INCIDENT:

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

High Risk Predatory Offender Notification

RISK LEVEL THREE

In addition to level two notification, law enforcement may notify other members of the community whom the registrant is likely to encounter.

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: Willie James Vaughn-Bey

DOB: 12/16/1961

OID: 184350

Race: Black

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 184 lbs

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Black

Registration Statute(s): 609.345 (charge); 609.345

Investigating Agency: Duluth Police Department

Release Date: 10/19/2022

Supervision Agent: Not applicable - termination of sentence

Offense: Willie Vaughn-Bey engaged in separate incidents of sexual contact against an unknown female adult and a known female teen. Contacts included touch and penetration. Vaughn-Bey accessed the adult victim by befriending her in a public space and accepting a ride home from her. Force was used to maintain control. Vaughn-Bey used his established relationship of trust to attain and exploit unmonitored contact with the teenaged victim. Coercion and manipulation were used in an effort to maintain control.

Address: Vicinity of 4th Street and North 1st Avenue West, Duluth, MN 55806

Date of Address Change: 9/15/2025

The **Duluth Police Department** is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052 and 253D. These statutes authorize law enforcement agencies to inform communities 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.

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 they work or go to school.

Those convicted of sexual and 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 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.

