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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK**

The Benton County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a community notification meeting on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Foley High School Auditorium to provide information concerning a level 3 predatory offender who will be residing in the community.

Brent Rahm, age 30, is a level 3 predatory offender. Rahm has indicated that beginning on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 he will be residing at a rural address in Alberta Township, north of Foley. Rahm has a history of offending against female teenagers he met online. Rahm has used force against his victims to perpetrate sexual assaults. Representatives from the Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Benton County Sheriff's Office will be at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide public safety information and answer community questions.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052 and 253D. These statutes authorize law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a registrant's release from prison or a secure treatment facility when the Benton County Sheriff's Office believes that the release of information will enhance public safety and protection. Brent Rahm 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.

Rahm has served the sentence imposed on him by the court and is transitioning into the community. This notification is not intended to increase fear but rather raise awareness. The Benton County Sheriff's Office believes that an informed public is a safer public. The Benton County Sheriff's Office may not direct where Rahm resides, nor can this agency direct where he 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.

Troy Heck  
Benton County Sheriff