



Community Notification and Education Meeting

Benton County Sheriff's Office

March 13, 2023

Agenda

1. Registration
2. Registrants in the community
3. Community notification
4. Risk level assignment
5. L3 person
6. Resources
7. Questions

Registrants Among Us

- Registrants and those with a history of sex offending have always lived in our communities
- It's likely they live, work, and interact in every community in Minnesota



Registration

Established July 1, 1991

Administered by the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)

Contents of registration:

- Addresses
- Employment
- School/vocation
- Vehicles

Registration

Registration is required if an individual is convicted, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for specific crimes:

- Criminal Sexual Conduct
- Any sexual conduct involving a minor, including possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images (CSAI).
- Kidnapping
- False Imprisonment

Registration

As of January 1, 2023, there were approximately **18,288** people required to register in Minnesota

- As of March 13, 2023:
 - **114** registrants in Benton County (2)
 - **97** registrants in Morrison County (3)
 - **182** registrants in Sherburne County (1)
 - **413** registrants in Stearns County (6)

Community Notification

- Established January 1, 1997
- Minn. Stat. § 244.052

Community Notification

Applies to:

- Registrants released from prison
- Registrants from other states or federal jurisdiction who were released from prison (including military)
- Those civilly committed for sexual offense behavior

Does not apply to:

- Those with juvenile registration offense only
- Registrants sentenced to probation only

Community Notification

Department of Corrections

- Responsible for assessing risk and assigning risk levels

Law Enforcement

- Responsible for community notification
 - *Scope of notification based on assigned risk level*

Risk Levels

- Level 1 - Lower Risk
 - Law enforcement may notify other law enforcement agencies
 - Law enforcement shall notify victims and witnesses of the offense
 - Law enforcement shall notify adult household members

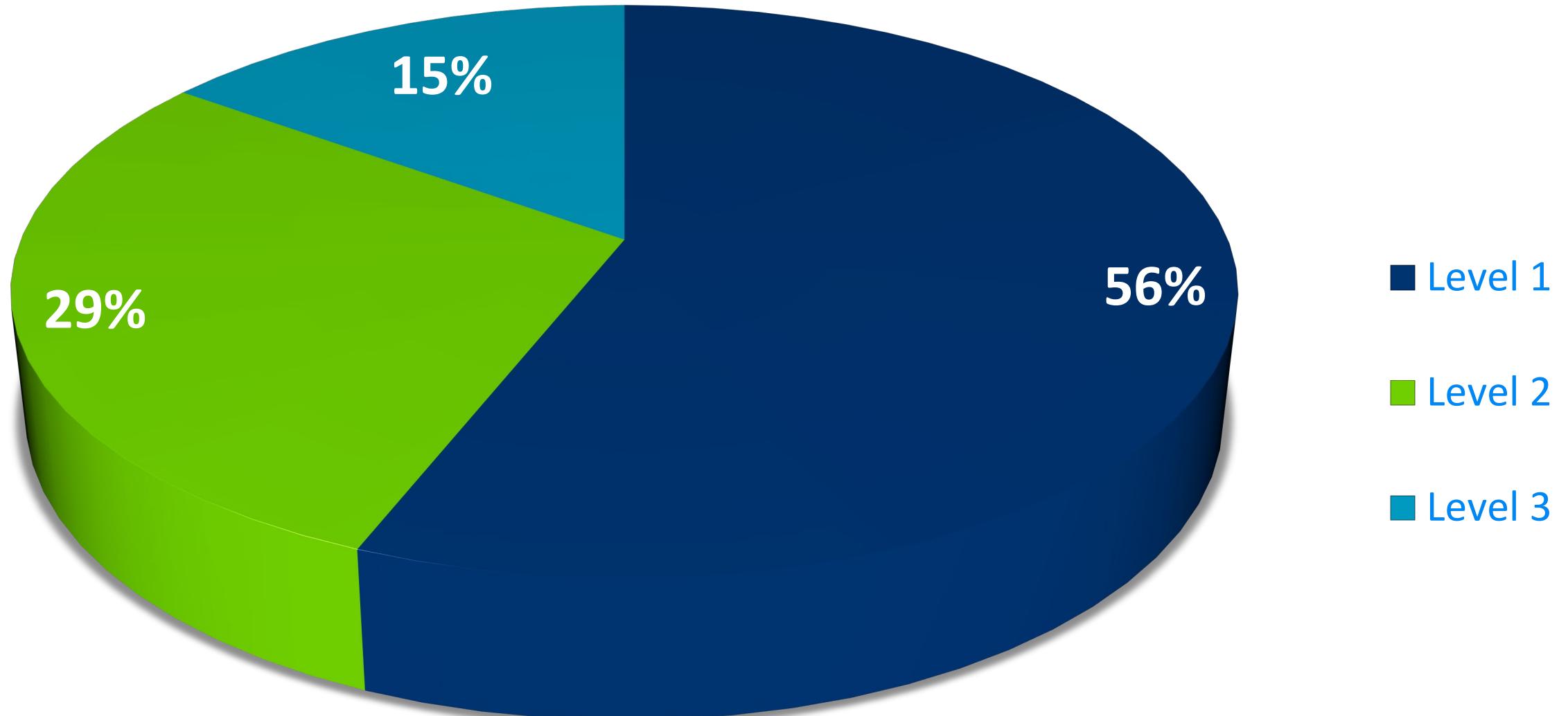
Risk Levels

- Level 2 - Moderate Risk
 - In addition to Level 1 notifications, law enforcement may notify individuals or organizations based on the registrant's particular offense pattern or history

Risk Levels

- Level 3 - Higher Risk
 - Broad public notification/disclosure
 - DOC public registrant website
 - Public notification meeting
 - Media (newspaper, radio, television, etc.)
 - Agency website
 - Social media
 - Door-to-door flyers

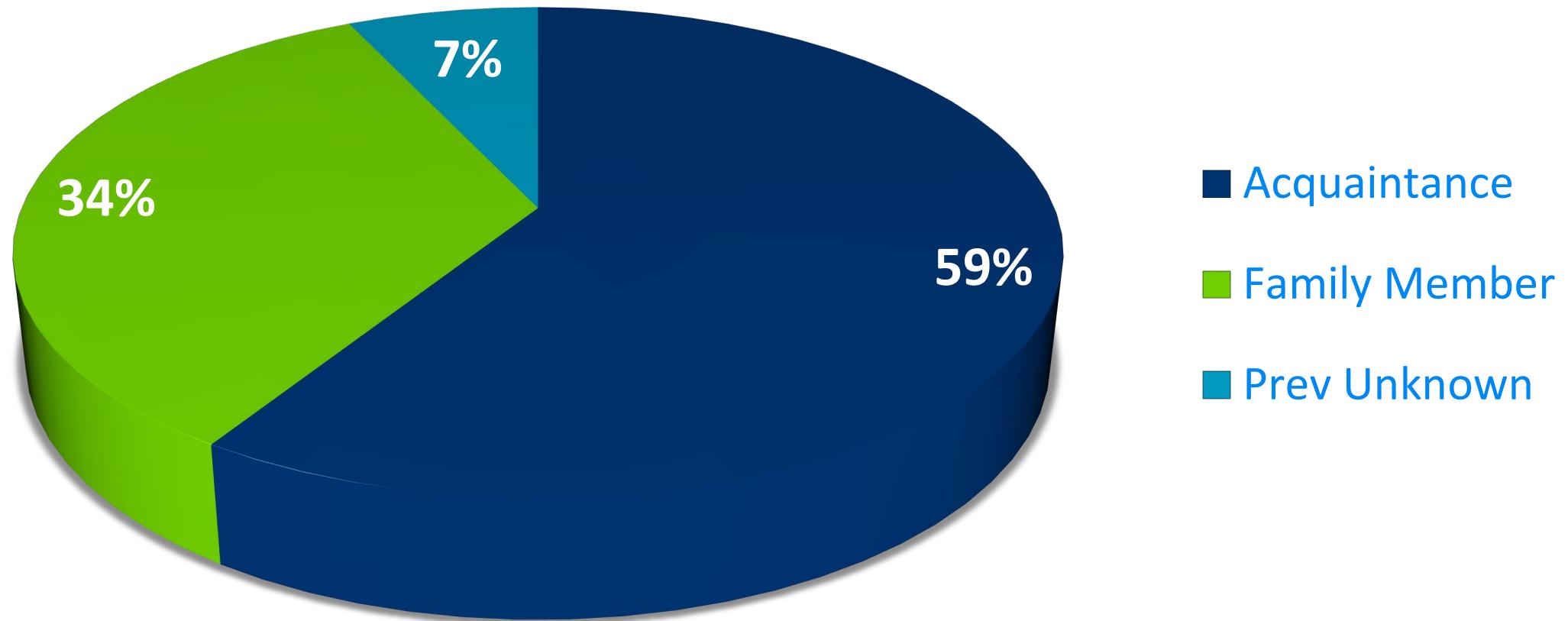
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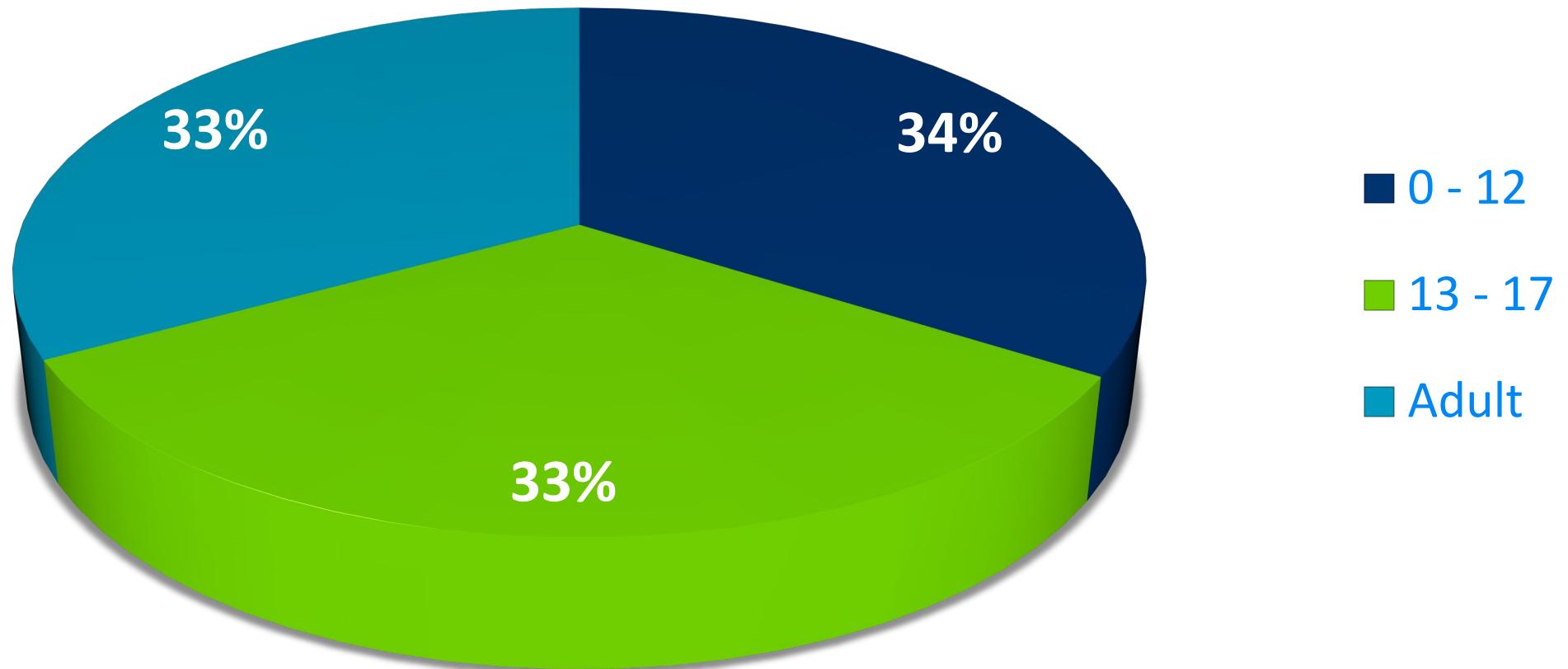
Those subject to broad public disclosure

- As of January 17, 2023, there were **439** registrants subject to broad public disclosure residing in Minnesota communities.

Children and Teen Victims Know the Perpetrator

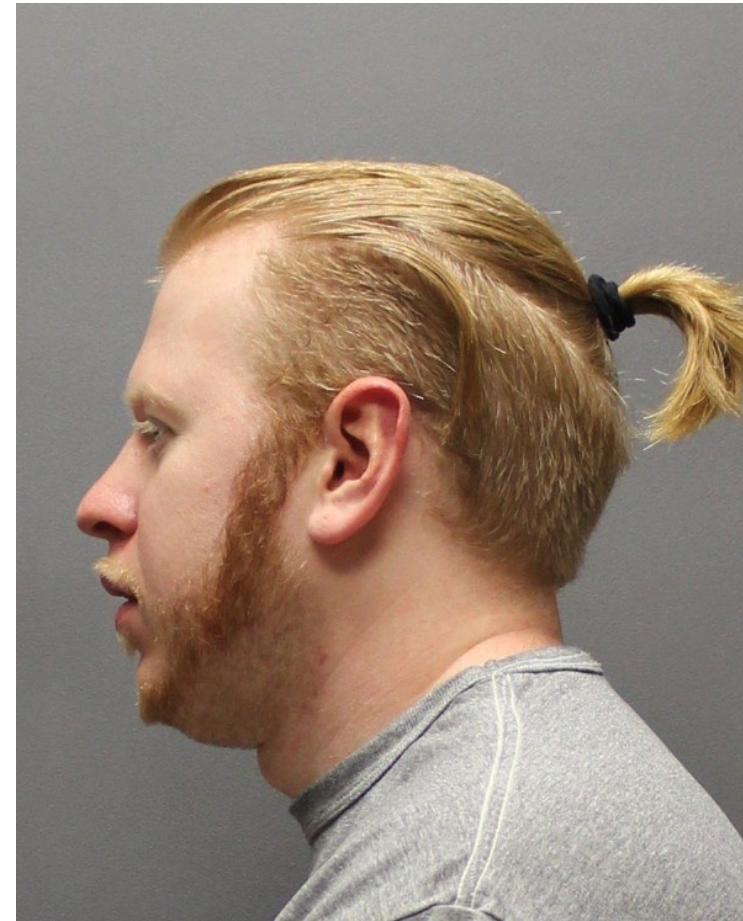
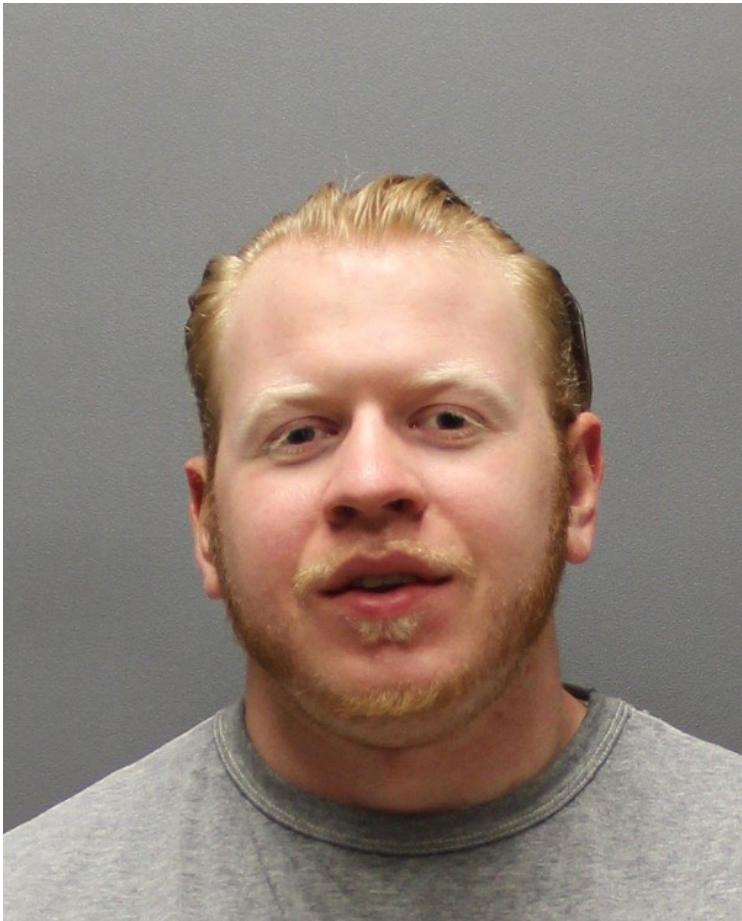


Age of Victims



(Minnesota Department of Corrections, 2012)

Brent Christopher RAHM



Brent Christopher RAHM

Date of Birth: 06/05/1992 (30)

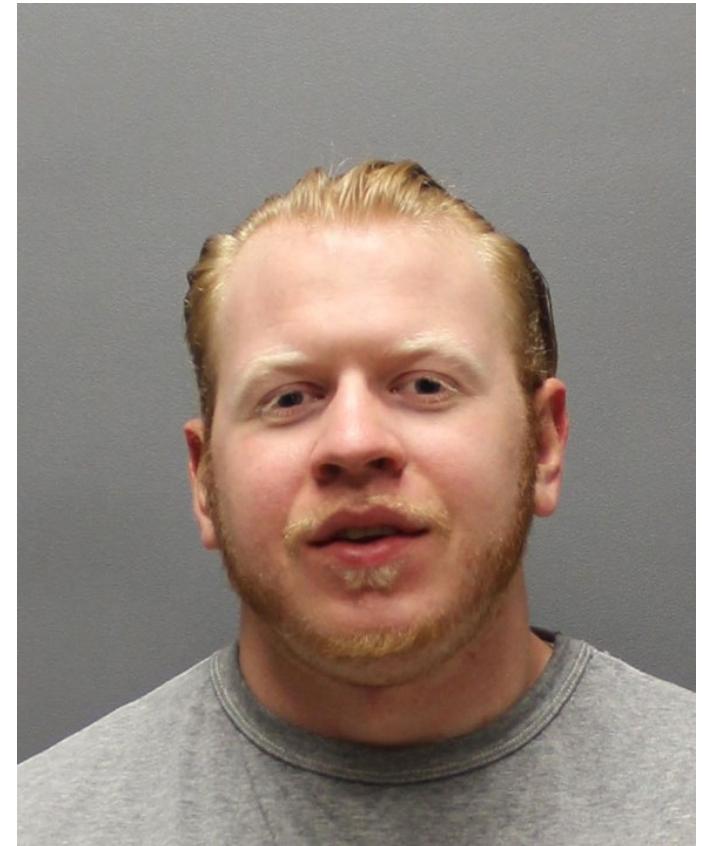
Height: 6' 04"

Weight: 210 lbs

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Red/Auburn

Residence area: Rural Foley (Alberta Twp)



Brent Christopher RAHM

Registration Offense History:

Engaged in sexual contact in 2012-2013 with previously unknown female teenagers (ages 14-17). Contact included sexual touching and penetration. Rahm gained access by meeting them online and after meeting up with them subsequently used force to gain compliance.

Brent Christopher RAHM

2014: Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree, Mille Lacs Co.

- Criminal sexual contact against a 15-year-old female in Oct 2012 (Rahm was 20)
- Previously unknown to victim
- Contact originated via social internet interaction with friend of the victim
- 27 Month commit - Conditional release of 10 years – 368 days credit for time served

Brent Christopher RAHM

2014: Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree, Sherburne Co.

- Criminal sexual contact against a 17-year-old female in Nov 2012 (Rahm was 20)
- Previously unknown to victim
- Contact originated via social internet interaction. Subsequently after meeting in person used force to commit sexual assault including penetration.
- 48 Month commit - Lifetime conditional release period – 409 days credit for time served

Brent Christopher RAHM

2014: Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree, Mille Lacs Co.

- Criminal sexual contact against a 14-year-old female in July 2013 (Rahm was 21)
- Previously unknown to victim
- Contact originated via social internet interaction. Behavior included sexual interactions with a number of 14 and 15-year-old minors at a campground.
- 60 Month commit, Life-time conditional release period (429 days credit)

Brent Christopher RAHM

May 2014 - entered prison

09/06/2017 released to intensive supervision as **RL 3**

11/14/2017 revoked (failure to progress in treatment, unapproved media access);

04/30/2018 released to intensive supervision

10/16/2018 revoked (unapproved activities and contacts);

12/03/2018 released to intensive supervision

03/19/2019 revoked (failure to progress in treatment and unapproved activities including media);

March 16, 2023 – will be released back to intensive supervision.

Supervision and registration requirements

- Mr. Rahm will be under correctional supervision for life.
- He will also be subject to registration for life.

Intensive Supervised Release (ISR)

MN Statutes 244.12 – 244.15 (1990)

- Primary objective is public safety
- Compliance with release conditions
- Successful reintegration to the community

Intensive Supervised Release (ISR)

Release Planning Process

- Collaborative effort by institution staff & agents
- Identify options for a safe, stable, supportive environment minimizing risk factors and maximizing protective factors
- Placed on GPS
- Released from the facility to an ISR agent
- ISR agent transports offender to approved residence
- Successful reentry is the goal

Intensive Supervised Release

- ISR operates 24/7/365
- Highly structured
- Reduced caseload size
- Frequent face to face contact
- Random, unannounced visits
- Daily contact

ISR Supervision Team

Supervision Team:

- Brian Maturi
- Amy Conlon
- Vicky Knop
- Chris Salazar
- Jerome Shear

Supervisor:

Paula Thielen

(651) 361-7583

Contact Law Enforcement

Dial **911** to report suspicious behavior

General inquiries:

Benton County Sheriff's Office
320-968-7201





24-HOUR CRISIS LINE:
1-800-325-HOPE
www.jwrc.org

Alison Feigh, Director
assistance@zeroabuseproject.org

Local Victim Services Provider

Benton County Attorney's Office Victim / Witness Services Program

- Amy Fussy
- Victim Services Coordinator
- Phone: 320-968-5182

Resources

Stop it Now! MN

(888) PREVENT

www.stopitnow.org/mn

Jacob Wetterling Resource Center

(800) 325-HOPE

www.jwrc.org

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

(800) 843-5678

www.missingkids.com

MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault

(651) 209-9993

www.mncasa.org

MDH Sexual Violence Prevention

www.health.state.mn.us/svprevent

Office of Justice Programs

Crime Victim Services

(888) 622-8799

www.ojp.state.mn.us

Resources

- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
 - www.bca.state.mn.us/bca.asp
- Minnesota Department of Corrections
 - <https://mn.gov/doc/>
 - Research and publications
 - Locator
 - Public registrant search

Awareness and Education

- The Three 90's
 - 90% do not reoffend
 - 90% known to victim
 - 90% not previously convicted
- And the Two R's
 - It's about *relationship* not *residence*
 - Social proximity is more important than geographic proximity

Questions

- Please be respectful
- One speaker at a time as recognized by facilitator
- One question until everyone has an opportunity
- Please limit questions to this issue



Thank you

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