

St. Louis 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 *St. Louis County Sheriff's Office* is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The *St. Louis County Sheriff's Office* may be reached at 218-336-4360. To report criminal activity by this or any other individual, please call 911.

RICHARD JAMES GIBSON

DOB: 09/28/1965

OID: 164538

Race: White

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 199 lbs.

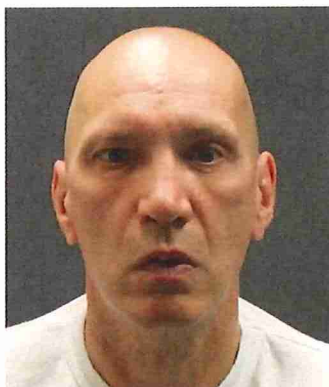
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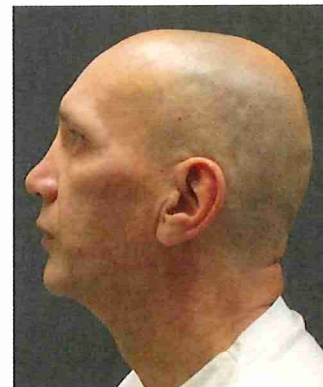
Registration Statute(s): 609.343

Investigating Agency: Keewatin Police Department

Release Date: 11/16/2020



11/09/2020



11/09/2020

Supervision Agent: Lori Koivisto 218-262-0240

Offense: Richard Gibson engaged in sexual contact against an unknown, female child. Contact included forcing the victim to touch his exposed genitals. Gibson gained access by grabbing the victim as she was riding her bicycle. He gained compliance through threats and force.

Address: Vicinity of Stuntz Road and Highway 92, rural Hibbing, MN 55746

Date of Address Change: 01/14/2021

The *St. Louis 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 *St. Louis 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 *St. Louis 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.