

***St. Louis County Sheriff's Office*****Fact Sheet****NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE IN MINNESOTA****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 *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 registrant or any other individual, please call 911.

**MICHAEL ELWIN PERO****DOB: 04/02/1967****OID: 185755**

Race: White

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 226 lbs.

Eyes: Green

Hair: Brown

Registration Statute(s): 609.185(a)(2) Charge

Investigating Agency: Duluth Police Department

Release Date: 09/07/2023

Supervision Agent: Dustin Bartlett (218) 733-2850

Offense: In 1996 Michael Pero engaged in attempted sexual contact against an unknown adult male. Pero met the victim as he was waiting for a bus. He used friendliness and kindness to lure the victim into accepting a ride. At Pero's home the victim was subdued, beaten, and bound resulting in his death.

Address: Vicinity of Lakewood Road and Roberg Road, rural Duluth, MN 55804

Date of Address Change: 09/07/2023



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The *St. Louis 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 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 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.