



# St. Paul Police Department

## 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 offender), law enforcement may notify other members of the community whom the offender is likely to encounter.

The **St. Paul Police Department** is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. To obtain this information, please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 651-266-5625. For specific information on Community Notification, call the Sex Crimes Unit at 651-266-5685. If you want to report non-emergency criminal activity by this offender or any other individual, please call 651-291-1111. Dial 911 to report a crime in progress or for any emergency.

#### MARKEITH BRANCH

DOB: 11/04/1980

OID: 206281

Race: Black	Hispanic: No
Height: 5'09"	Eyes: Brown
Weight: 227 lbs.	Hair: Black
Complexion: Dark brown	Build: Medium

Registration statute(s): 609.342 & 609.25

Investigating agency: New Brighton Department of Public Safety

Release date: 07/13/2011

Supervision agent: Derek Weinke at (651) 266-7684

Offense: Offender engaged in sexual contact with victim (female, age 18). Contact included penetration. Offender gained compliance by forcing himself into victim's car and threats. Offender gained compliance through use of force and threats. Offender was not previously known to victim.

Address: 1100 block of Ross Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55106

Date of address change: 05/05/2012



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The **St. Paul Police Department** is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052. This statute authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sexual or predatory offender's release from prison or a secure treatment facility when the **St. Paul 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 offender is *not wanted by the police* at this time and *has served the sentence* imposed on him/her by the court. This notification is not intended to increase fear in the community. Law enforcement believes that an informed public is a safer public.

The **St. Paul Police Department**, the supervising release agent, and the Minnesota Department of Corrections may NOT direct where the offender does or does not reside, nor can these agencies direct where he/she works or goes to school. The risk level of this offender has been determined based largely on his/her potential to re-offend based on his/her previous criminal behavior.

Convicted sexual and predatory offenders 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 track the movement of these offenders after their initial release. With the passage of the Community Notification Act law enforcement may now share information about many of these offenders with the public. Abuse of this information to threaten, harass or intimidate a registered offender 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. If community notification ends the only person who wins is the offender. Many of these offenders derive their power from the opportunity that secrecy provides.