

## HERMANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Hermantown Police Department - Level 3 Predatory Offender Relocation to Hermantown

The Hermantown Police Department has been notified that a Level 3 Predatory Offender is relocating to the City of Hermantown on June 13, 2022.

Rhonda Lee Bailey, a 56-year-old Caucasian woman, has a history of sexually assaulting male and female acquaintances and strangers ranging in ages from infancy to adult. Bailey has been convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct that requires public registration with law enforcement according to Minnesota Statutes 243.166 or 243.167.

Also, under Minnesota Statutes 244.052 and 253D, law enforcement is authorized to inform communities of a public registrant's release when the HPD believes that information will enhance public safety and protection.

Bailey has served a sentence of nearly 29 years imposed by the court and is transitioning into Hermantown. This notification is not intended to increase fear but rather raise awareness, as HPD and other law enforcement agencies believe that an informed public is a safer public. The HPD may not direct where this individual does or does not reside or work.

Convicted sexual and predatory individuals have always been released to live in our communities. Still, it was not until the passage of the Registration Act that law enforcement could track the 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.

Questions regarding this release can be directed to the HPD at 218-729-1200. See the included public fact sheet for additional information.

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