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## SEX OFFENDER RELEASE - COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

**January 4, 2021** - The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has informed the City of Beloit Police Department that a convicted sex offender was released from a Chapter 980 civil commitment and is living at 1243 Hackett St. The offender, Ervin L. Burris, was released without supervision requirements.



**Ervin Burris**

**Aliases: Gregory Lydell Burris;  
Irving Burris; Gregory L. Burris; Bird Burris**

**Male / Black**

**67 years old**

**5'6" 208 lbs**

**Grey Hair/Brown Eyes**

**Tattoos: Left forearm, Upper Right and Left Chest; rose tattoos**

The purpose of this notification is to ensure safe neighborhoods by informing the public when a sex offender who qualifies for a Special Bulletin Notification is released into the Beloit community. On June 1, 1997, Wisconsin State Statute 301.45 (Act 440), the Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Law, took effect to enhance public safety and protection.

Burris' targeted victims include multiple prepubescent and adult females; the majority of Burris' victims were strangers, but his victims include one acquaintance. He was convicted in 1989 of first-degree sexual assault of a child-habitual. Other previous sexually related

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convictions in the 1970s and 1980s include fourth degree sexual assault, indecent exposure-repeater (5 counts), lewd and lascivious behavior, battery to an elderly person, and robbery. After serving his prison sentence, Burris was civilly committed in 2000 under Wisconsin's sexually violent person commitments law.

Since 1994, the state has had the ability to ask a court to order a convicted sex offender into inpatient treatment managed by the Department of Health Services. This request comes as the sex offender is completing their prison term and is on the verge of being released to the community. The sex offender is committed if they have been convicted of certain crimes and have a mental disorder that makes them more likely than not to engage in acts of sexual violence

Individuals committed to treatment at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center have the opportunity to petition their committing court for release every 12 months. If the court determines an individual has reached a point in their treatment in which they are no longer more likely than not to reoffend, the court orders either community living on supervised release or discharge with no supervision from the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center.

Burris is being released without supervision. He is required to be Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry for life and will be on GPS monitory for life.

If you observe any criminal violations, please contact the Beloit Police Department at the non-emergency number: 608-757-2244.

For further information, please visit the Sex Offender Registry at <http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/>.

The information provided on this notice is intended for community safety purposes only and should not be used to threaten, intimidate, or harass. Misuse of this information may result in criminal prosecution.

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