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## SEX OFFENDER RELEASE - COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

**November 28, 2022** - 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 will reside at 2219 Euclid Ave. The offender, Jonathan M. Schaefer, will be on supervised release.



**Jonathan M. Schaefer**

Male / White

48 years old

5'8" 228 lbs

Brown Hair/Blue Eyes/Glasses

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.

Schaefer's targeted victims include minor and adult females, including a victim with an intellectual disability. His victims including an acquaintance and strangers. He was convicted in 1992 of second degree sexual assault and two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child. After serving his prison sentence, Schaefer was civilly committed in 1998 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

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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 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.

Schaefer is being released with supervision. He is required to comply with requirements of supervised release and supervised release rules, comply with requirements of lifetime Sex Offender Registration, and comply with requirements of lifetime GPS.

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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