

# Community Notification and Education Meeting

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*Risk Assessment/Community Notification Unit*

*October 19, 2016*

# Agenda

- Predatory offender registration
- Predatory offenders in the community
- Community notification
- Risk level assignment
- Offender information
- Resources
- Questions



# Terms

- Criminal Sexual Conduct: illegal/unwanted sexual conduct or contact
- Sex Offender: a person who has engaged in criminal sexual conduct
- Predatory offender: a person required to register under MN Statute 243.166
- Recidivism: tendency to slip back into previous behavior pattern, especially a tendency to return to criminal habits and activities



# How Common Are Sex Crimes?

- One in every five girls and one in every seven boys are sexually abused by the time they reach adulthood
- One in six women and one in thirty-three adult men experience an attempted or completed sexual assault

From National Violence against Women survey (2006, January)



# Offenders Among Us

- Predatory offenders have always lived in our communities
- It's likely they live, work, and interact in every community in Minnesota



# Registration

- Established July 1, 1991
- Administered by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
- Contents of registration:
  - Addresses
  - Employment
  - School/vocation
  - Vehicles



# Registration

- Registration is required if an offender is convicted, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for specific crimes. Those crimes include:
  - Criminal Sexual Conduct
  - Any sexual conduct involving a minor
  - Kidnapping
  - False Imprisonment
  - Possession of child pornography



# Registration

- As of January 1, 2016, there were approximately 17,500 predatory offenders registered in Minnesota
  - 543 registered offenders in Dakota County 408,509
  - 60 registered offenders in Apple Valley 50,201
  - 1,280 registered offenders in Ramsey County 526,714
  - 2,536 registered offenders in Hennepin County 1.199 mil



# Community Notification

- Established January 1, 1997
- Minn. Stat. § 244.052



# Community Notification

## Applies to:

- Predatory offenders released from prison
- Predatory offenders from other states or federal jurisdiction who were released from prison (including military)
- Civilly committed offenders

## Does not apply to:

- Juvenile offenders (unless certified as an adult)
- Offenders sentenced to probation

# Community Notification

## Department of Corrections

- Responsible for assessing risk and assigning risk levels

## Law Enforcement

- Responsible for community notification
- Scope of notification based on assigned risk level

# Assigning Risk Levels

- End-of-Confinement Review Committee (ECRC)
- Meets 90 days prior to offender's release
- Committee members include:
  - Chairperson
  - Law enforcement officer
  - Sex offender treatment professional
  - Caseworker
  - Victim services representative



# Risk Factors

- Predatory offense sentences
- Felony sentences
- Harassment/stalking/order for protection violations
- Recent disorderly conduct
- Age at release
- Unsupervised release
- Completion of chemical dependency *and* sex offender treatment
- Sentences with male victims
- Offense committed in a public place



# Risk Levels

- Level 1—Lower Risk
  - Law enforcement may notify other law enforcement agencies
  - Law enforcement shall notify victims and witnesses of the offense
  - Adult household members



# Risk Levels

- Level 2—Moderate Risk
  - In addition to Level 1 notifications, law enforcement may notify individuals or organizations likely to be victimized based on the offender’s particular offense pattern



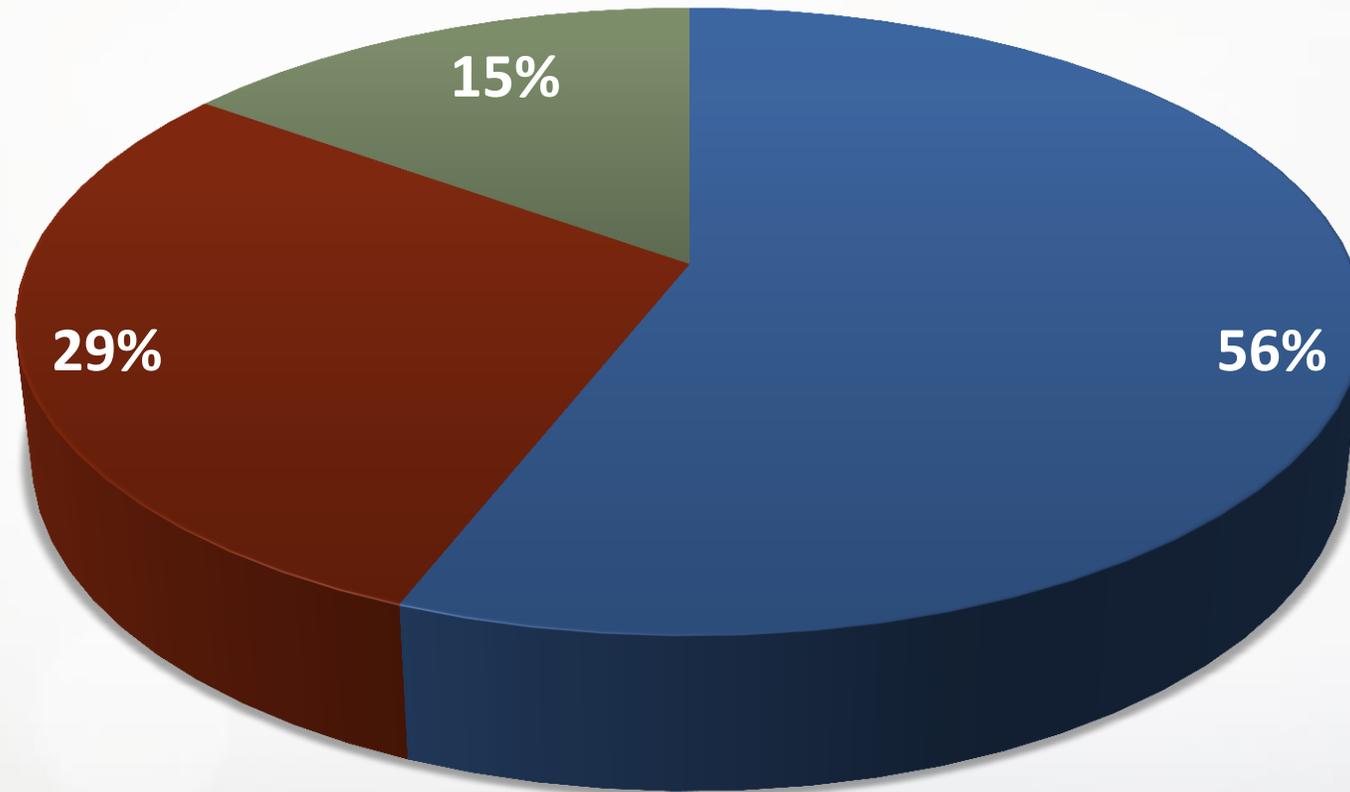
# Risk Levels

- Level 3—Higher Risk
  - Broad public notification
    - DOC Level 3 public website
    - Public community notification meeting
    - Media (newspaper, radio, television, etc.)
    - Agency website
    - Social media
    - Door-to-door flyers



# Current Risk Levels

As of January 1, 2016



- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3

**Level 1:**  
5,298

**Level 2:**  
2,751

**Level 3:**  
1,424

**Total:**  
9,473



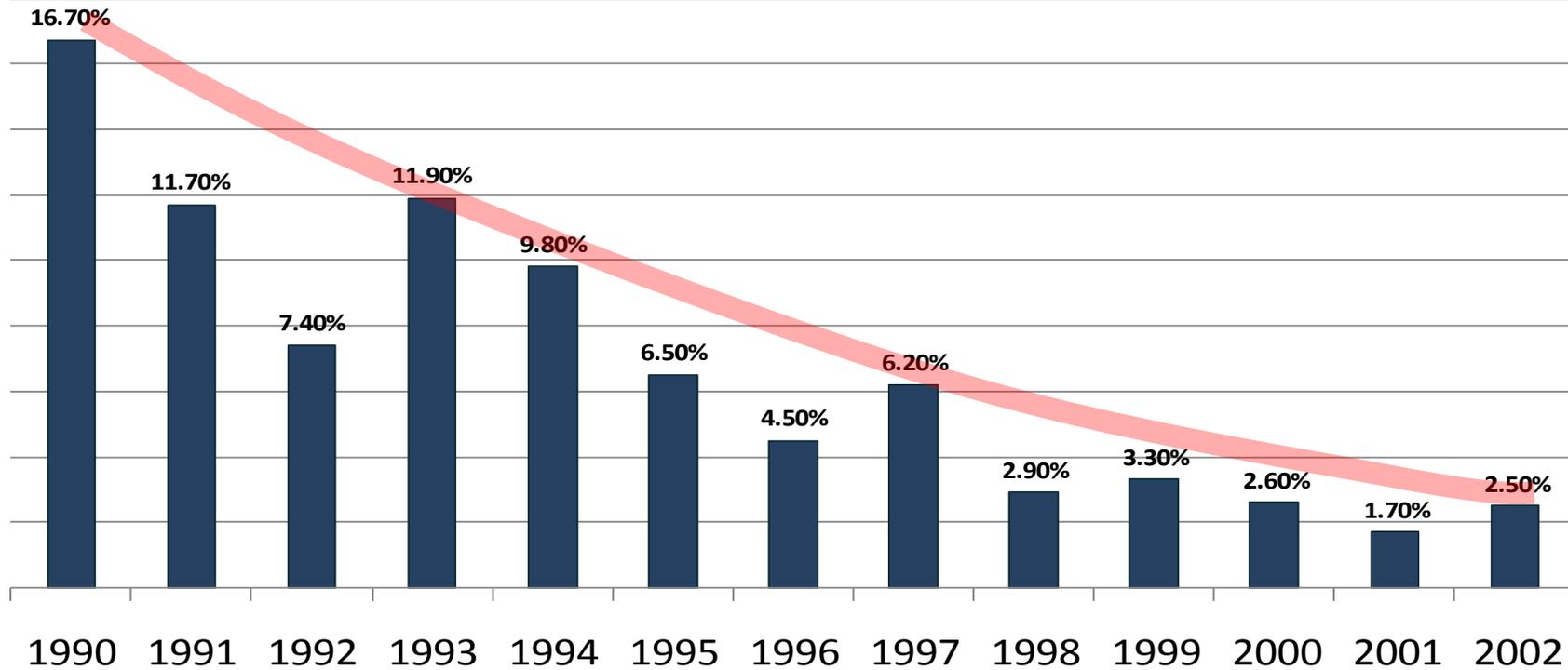
## Level 3 Offenders

- As of September 28, 2016, there were **397** Level 3 predatory offenders residing in Minnesota communities



# Recidivism Study (2007)

## Reconviction



Minnesota Department of Corrections. (2007, April). Retrieved from <http://www.doc.state.mn.us/PAGES/files/large-files/Publications/04-07SexOffenderReport-Recidivism.pdf>



# Recidivism Study (2012)

- 2,535 sex offenders released between 2003 and 2006
- 4-year look back
- Sexual reconviction rate was 3.3%

Duwe, G. & Freske, P. (2012). Using logistic regression modeling to predict sex offense recidivism: The Minnesota Sex Offender Screening Tool-3 (MnSOST-3). *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 24(4), 350-377.



# Residency Restriction Study (2007)

- 3,166 offenders released between 1990 and 2002
- 224 sexual reoffenses
- Residency near schools, parks, and daycares had nothing to do with any of these offenses

Minnesota Department of Corrections. (2007, April). *Residential proximity and sex offense recidivism in Minnesota*. Retrieved from <http://www.doc.state.mn.us/PAGES/files/large-files/Publications/04-07SexOffenderReport-Proximity.pdf>



# Reality

**Prison for Minn. man who made porn using kids in his home for day care**

Star Tribune

April 26, 2015

**Therapist pleads guilty to criminal sexual conduct with teen client at Totem Town**

Pioneer Press

July 19, 2016

**St. Paul teacher charged with criminal sexual conduct after allegedly groping student**

Star Tribune

June 1, 2015

**Aitkin fourth-grade teacher, girls coach charged with criminal sexual conduct**

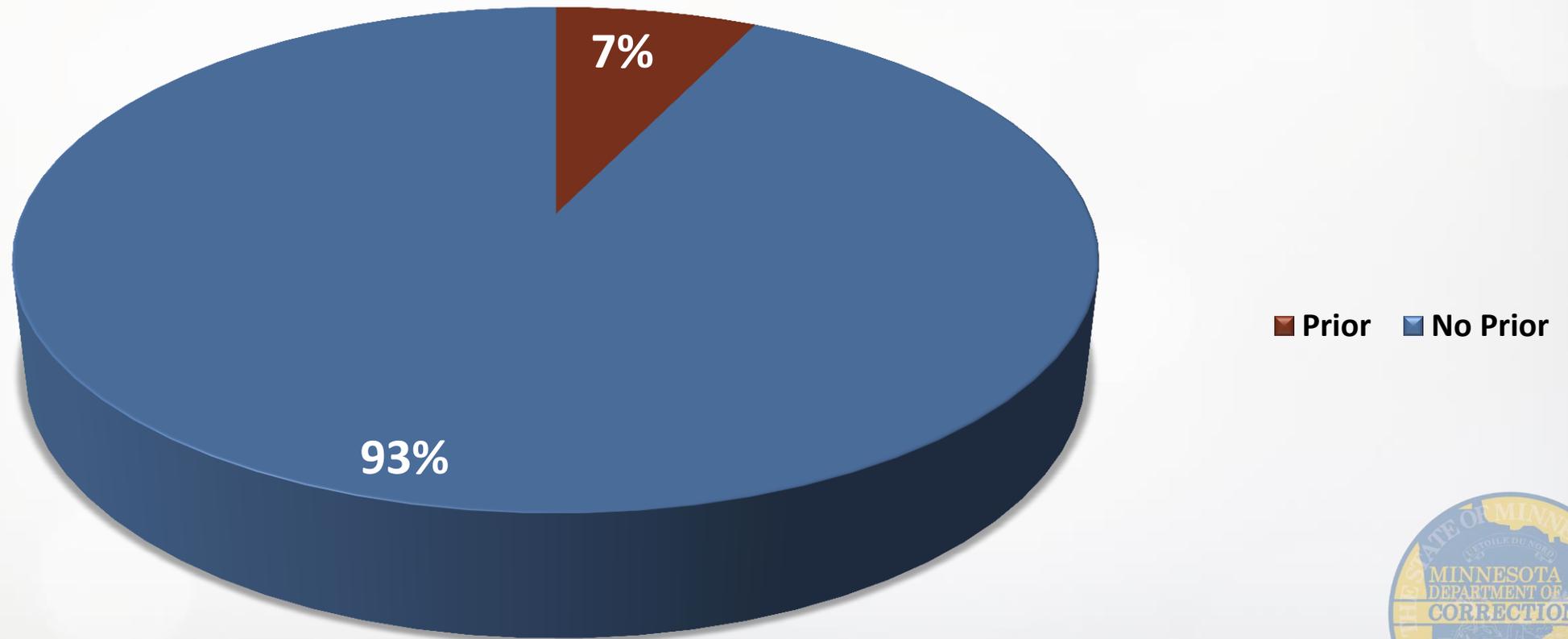
Star Tribune

May 12, 2016



# Who's Most Likely to Offend Next?

## Criminal Sexual Conduct Convictions in Minnesota 2000-2014



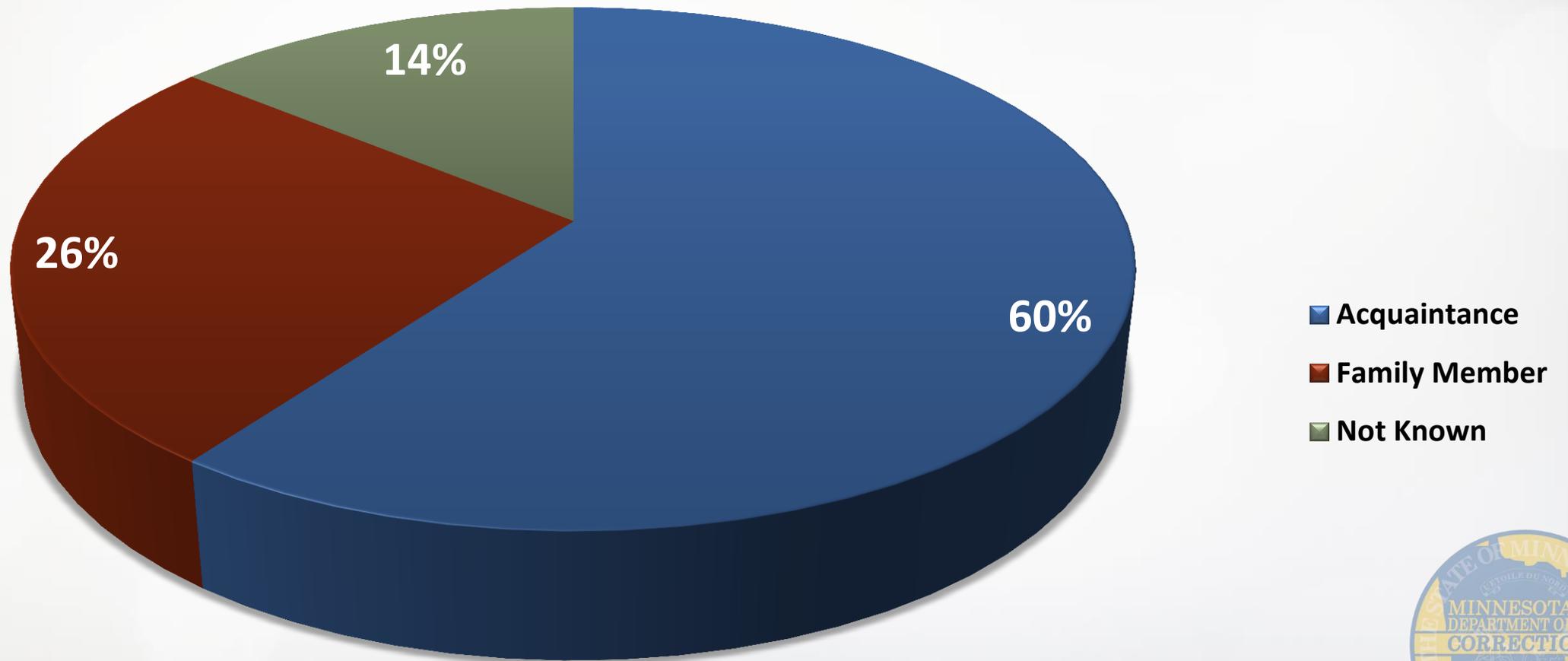
**No Prior Conviction: 7,852**

**Prior Conviction: 605**

(Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, 2015)



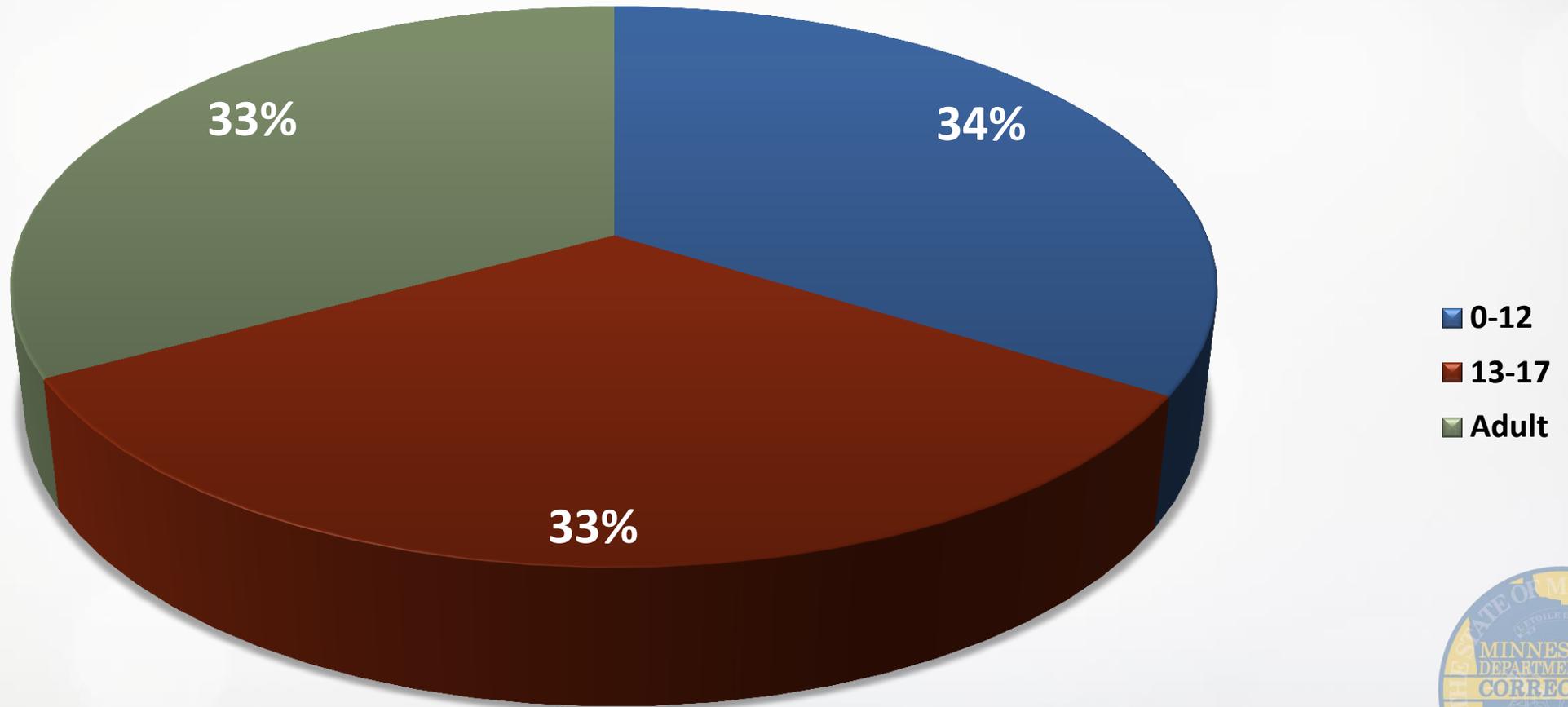
# Victim/Offender Relationship



(Minnesota Department of Corrections, 2012)



# Age of Victims



(Minnesota Department of Corrections, 2012)



# Sexual Violence Prevention

- The Three 90's
  - 90% do not reoffend
  - 90% known to victim
  - 90% not previously convicted
- And the Two R's
  - It's about ***relationship*** not ***residence***
    - Social proximity is more important than geographic proximity



# Resources

## **Stop it Now! MN**

(888) PREVENT

[www.stopitnow.org/mn](http://www.stopitnow.org/mn)

## **MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

(651) 209-9993

[www.mncasa.org](http://www.mncasa.org)

## **Jacob Wetterling Resource Center**

(800) 325-HOPE

[www.jwrc.org](http://www.jwrc.org)

## **MDH Sexual Violence Prevention**

[www.health.state.mn.us/svprevent](http://www.health.state.mn.us/svprevent)

## **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**

(800) 843-5678

[www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

## **Office of Justice Programs Crime Victim Services**

(888) 622-8799

[www.ojp.state.mn.us](http://www.ojp.state.mn.us)



# Resources

- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
  - [www.bca.state.mn.us/bca.asp](http://www.bca.state.mn.us/bca.asp)
- Minnesota Department of Corrections
  - [www.doc.state.mn.us](http://www.doc.state.mn.us)
    - Research and publications
    - Offender locator
    - Level 3 predatory offender search



# Local Victim Services Provider



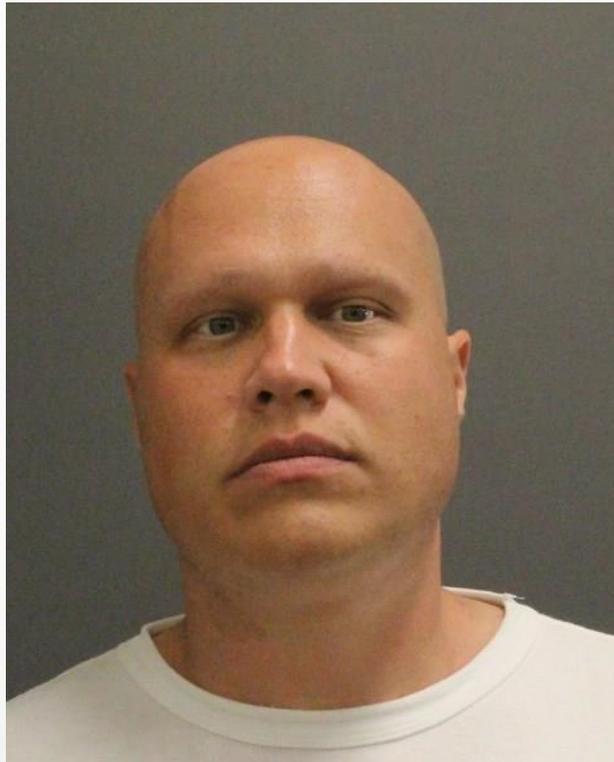
Website: [www.360communities.org](http://www.360communities.org)

E-mail: [info@360communities.org](mailto:info@360communities.org)

Phone: 651-405-1500



# Lance Hodge



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Date of Birth: 12/26/1980 (35)

Height: 6' 1"

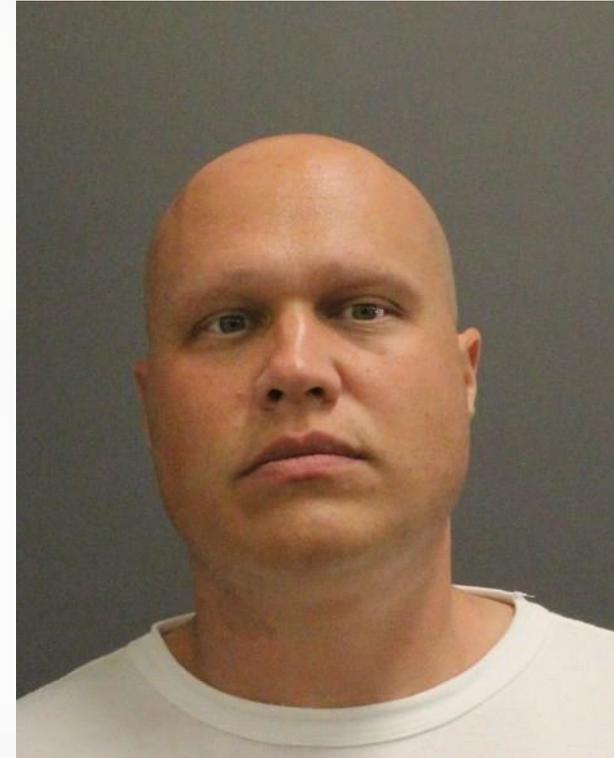
Weight: 250 lbs.

Eyes: Hazel

Hair: Blonde

Residence location:

Vicinity of Haralson Drive and McIntosh Drive, Apple Valley



# Lance Hodge

## History:

- Adult convictions for possession/distribution of child pornography



# Lance Hodge

## 2011, Possession of Child Pornography, Dakota County

- Depictions of minor male and female victims
- Disposition  
60 months prison



# Lance Hodge

## Other Criminal History

- Burglary (2006, Renville County)



# Chronology

11/22/2006 Entered prison (Burglary)

09/23/2011 Entered prison (Child Pornography)

12/04/2014: Released from prison as level 2

02/08/2016 Return to prison due to supervision failure

08/04/2016 Released from prison as level 3

11/01/2016 Move to Apple Valley



# Supervision and registration requirements

- Under supervision until 05/31/2020
- Required to register until 08/03/2026

# Intensive Supervised Release

- MN Statute 244.12.15 (1990)

Certain offenders are released to a highly structured intensive form of supervision

Caseload cap at fifteen offenders per agent



# Intensive Supervised Release

- Primary Objective is Public Safety
  - ISR provides a structured environment
  - Offenders are held strictly accountable
- Compliance with release conditions
- Successful reintegration to the community
- Six phases-most restrictive to least restrictive
- ISR Functions
  - Night and day
  - Weekends and holidays
  - 24/7...365 days a year



# **Intensive Supervised Release**

## **Dakota County Corrections**

**ISR Supervision Agents:**

**651-249-8420**

**Justin Anderson**

**Christopher Boreland**

**Jack Drakulich**

**Amanda Schneider**

**Jae Wiese**

**Supervisor Mark Mehl (or on call supervisor): 612-849-6964**



# Community Transition

- Minnesota law permits offenders to live in the community
- Including
  - Work, training, treatment
  - Shopping, laundry, church, medical care
  - Live free from harassment
- Assist in monitoring offender behavior and activities, where appropriate
- The stability of an offender contributes to control of his offense cycle



# What Do I Say to the Children?



## Community Notification

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# THANK YOU for being here

It's a kid's job to be a  
kid...



...and a  
grown-up's job to keep kids safe!



# Focus on Behavior, NOT Relationship

- Youth have image in their head of a “stranger”
- Mixed Messages
- We want children and teens to know how to ask for help. They should be taught HOW to talk to strangers.
- Children and Teens are much more likely to be victimized by someone they know



# Two New Questions

- Does this person try to get me to break my safety rules?
- Does this person give me an uh-oh feeling?



# Lures

REALITY: Children and teen are most often lured by attention and affection.

Victims in sex crimes committed by people they met through the Internet were primarily 13-15 year old girls (75%). Half of the Victims were described as being in love or having close bonds with the offender.

Source: Crimes Against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire. Information obtained from a National Law Enforcement Survey conducted between Oct 01 and July 02.

*How can I say no to someone I like?*



# Who forms your net?



# Family Safety Night

## An Evening to Connect and Have Fun!

- The whole family participates.
- No Distractions (Maybe order in?)
- Ongoing - twice a year
- Go over all things safety: fire escape plan, safety belts, bike helmets, calling 911, bus safety internet and personal safety

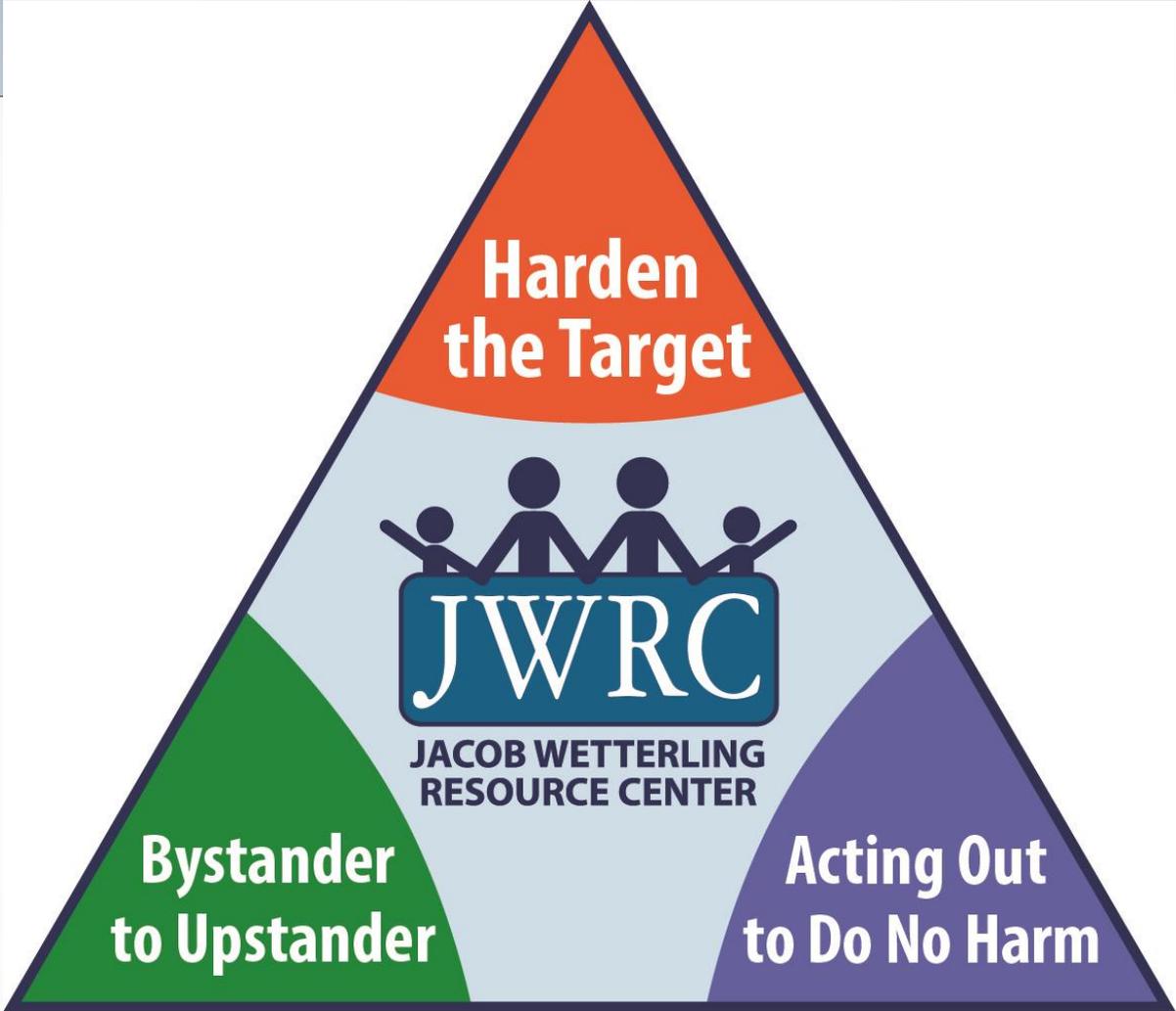


# What do I say to the children?

*This is UNCOMFORTABLE...*

- Teachable moments for kids and parents – WHAT IF
- Identify at least FIVE Trusted Adults
- Upbeat. Positive.
- Not “THE TALK” but lots of little talks. You don’t have to cover everything all at once.





# The Importance of Caring Adults

## Parental Involvement/Caring Adults = Our best prevention piece

- Family Safety Night
- Connecting Conversations
- “What If” Games
- **EMPOWER YOUR KIDS!**



## **Jacob Wetterling Resource Center**

A program of Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center

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hope into action

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the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center  
in our 25 year history.



# Suspicious Behavior

Dial **911** to report suspicious behavior

General inquiries:

***Apple Valley Police Department***

***952-953-2700***



# Questions

- Please be respectful
- One speaker at a time as recognized by facilitator
- One question or comment until everyone has an opportunity
- Please limit questions to this issue





# Thank You !

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