

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



City of Duluth - Police Department

Mike Ceynowa, Chief of Police
2030 North Arlington Avenue • Duluth, Minnesota 55811 •
www.duluthmn.gov

*For more information contact:
Public Information Officer, Mattie Hjelseth at (218) 730-5434 or
[mhjelseth@duluthmn.gov](mailto:mhjseth@duluthmn.gov)*

DATE: 5/8/2025

SUBJECT: Notification of Release

BY: Mattie Hjelseth, Duluth Police Department Public Information Officer

NATURE OF INCIDENT:

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

The **Duluth Police Department** is available to provide you with useful information on personal safety. The **Duluth Police Department** may be reached at 218-730-5400. To report criminal activity by this or any other individual that poses an immediate threat, please call 911.

Arthur Vernon

DOB: 12/03/1953 **Age:** 71

OID: 110411

Race: Caucasian

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 350 lbs

Colexion: Fair

Ethnicity: N/A

Eyes: Hazel

Hair: Grey

Build: Large

Registration Statute(s): 609.221 (Assault 1st Degree)

Investigating Agency: Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

MSOP Commitment Date: 11-02-1992

MSOP Provisional Discharge release date: 05-22-2025

Supervision Agent: MSOP Reintegration Agent – Bryan Abel (651-485-0901)

Mr. Vernon has a history of sexually abusing adult female strangers and acquaintances, and both female and male child acquaintances. Has a history of using threats and force to gain compliance.

Address: 5600 block of Grand Avenue, Duluth, MN. 55807

Date of Address Change: 05-22-2025

The **Duluth Police Department** is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052 and 253D. This statute authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform communities of a public registrant's release from prison or a secure treatment facility when the **Duluth 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 individual **has served the sentence** imposed on them by the court and is transitioning into the community. This notification is not intended to increase fear but rather raise awareness. Law enforcement believes that an informed public is a safer public.

The **Duluth Police Department** may not direct where this individual does or does not reside, nor can this agency direct where they work or go to school.

Convicted sexual and predatory individuals 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 to track 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.

