

## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Community Notification Update

*Oakdale, Minnesota – September 13, 2021*

Oakdale Police Department will be hosting a community notification meeting at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Oakdale City Hall.

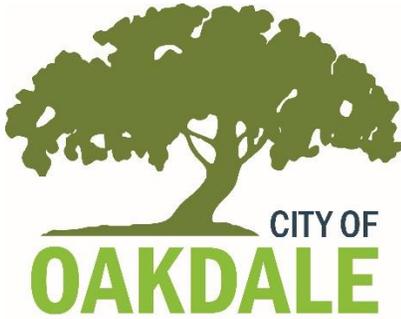
The Oakdale Police Department is releasing public information Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 244.052 to the community regarding a Level 3 Predatory Offender relocating within Oakdale. This registered offender is currently not under active investigation by law enforcement nor is he currently wanted by the police in connection with any reported criminal activity. This registered offender has been released from incarceration and has completed the sentence imposed upon him by the presiding court.

The Minnesota Department of Corrections provided notice, Artez Lasalle Mitchell (DOB: 03/06/1961) changed his address on September 4, 2021 and will temporarily reside at an address in the 3600 block of Grovner Rd. N. in Oakdale. This offender, Artez Mitchell, engaged in sexual contact with an unknown adult female. Contact included penetration. Threats and force were used to gain compliance. Mitchell also has a history of assaultive behavior. Additional information is available on the Minnesota Department of Corrections website via the public registrant search:  
<https://coms.doc.state.mn.us/PublicRegistrantSearch>

Oakdale Police Department was advised this is a short-term relocation. However as of this date, Oakdale Police Department has not received notice, the change of address to return to Ramsey County has been processed. Therefore, as earlier indicated, should there be a delay, a community notification meeting would be organized. The meeting will be hosted at at 7:00 pm, Oakdale City Hall, Council Chambers, (1584 Hadley Ave N Oakdale, MN 55128), September 22, 2021. Representatives from the Oakdale Police Department, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Ramsey County Community Corrections, Washington County Attorney's Office, Washington County Sheriff's Department, School District 622, and the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center will be available for questions and to provide relevant public safety information. Please continue to monitor Nextdoor, NotifyMe and the City Website for any changes or cancellation.

Community Safety information is be available on the City Website under the Police tab:  
<https://www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/282/Level-3-Predatory-Offenders>

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### What is a community notification meeting?

When a level 3 predatory offender moves into a neighborhood, after his or her address has been verified, a community meeting is organized. A press release is sent out to inform the community of the meeting.

At the meeting, community members are provided information about the Community Notification Law, personal safety tips, the rights and responsibilities of the offender, and have the opportunity to ask a panel of experts any questions they may have. Those in attendance will also receive an offender fact sheet containing a photo of the offender, their name, the approximate location they will be residing, as well as a brief description of their offense.

### Who is a predatory offender?

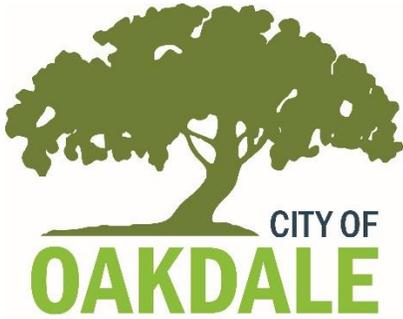
A predatory offender is an offender who is required to register under the predatory offender registration law, except for individuals who are required to register solely because of a juvenile delinquency determination. A person is a predatory offender if the person has committed felony criminal sexual conduct or certain other designated sex crimes, kidnapping, or false imprisonment. These crimes are often referred to as predatory offenses. The law recognizes predatory offenders who have committed these crimes under Minnesota law, federal law, or the law of other states. The law also requires registration of certain individuals who have been civilly committed as sexually dangerous persons or as mentally ill and dangerous, providing the person was charged with a predatory offense.

### Risk Level

The public risk posed by a predatory offender about to be released is assessed by a committee of experts. The offender is given a risk level. Information about the offender, including their risk level, is sent to the law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction over the area in which the offender plans to reside. The level of risk posed by the offender determines to whom law enforcement may disclose information:

#### Level 1 Predatory Offender

An offender found to be a Risk Level 1 is considered the LEAST likely to re-offend and only local law enforcement and victims or witnesses are notified of the offenders release or relocation.



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#### **Level 2 Predatory Offender**

An offender found to be a Risk Level 2 is thought to pose a MODERATE risk of re-offense. In this case, local law enforcement, and victims or witnesses are notified of the offenders' release or relocation, as well as any agencies that may serve a population at risk of victimization that are located near the offenders' home.

#### **Level 3 Predatory Offender**

An offender determined to be the MOST likely to re-offend is assigned a Risk Level 3. In this case, local law enforcement, victims or witnesses, and any agencies that serve a population at risk of victimization may be notified, as well as the general public.