

## **FURTHER INFORMATION...**

To find out the name and telephone number of the assigned Probation and Parole Agent, contact your local Division of Community Corrections office. You may also call the Department of Corrections Records Office at (608) 240-3750. In Milwaukee, call (414) 227-4546. You will need to provide the offender's full name and date of birth.

If you want more information or if you have any questions about this material, please call or write the Community Services Director at:

Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center  
Supervised Release Program  
1111 North Road  
P.O. Box 700  
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948-0700

(608) 847-4438

## **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

If you are the victim of an offender committed as a Sexually Violent Person

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## **VICTIM NOTIFICATION**



**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
SERVICES**  
Division of Mental Health and  
Substance Abuse Services

## **YOUR RIGHTS...**

As the victim of a crime, you should be aware of the legal process related to offenders civilly committed as a "Sexually Violent Person" and your options for victim notification.

Persons who commit specific sexual offenses and are convicted, found delinquent as juveniles, or committed as not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect and then sent to a correctional facility or mental health institution are subject to this legal process. As the offender approaches discharge from a correctional facility or mental health institution, they are subject to review and examination by psychologists from the Department of Corrections or the Department of Health Services (DHS).

If an offender meets specific criteria, a court can civilly commit the person to a secure treatment facility administered by the DHS. A commitment under this law is for an indefinite period of time. First, the offender is admitted to the Wisconsin Resource Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for assessment and orientation. When the offender completes this phase and consents to treatment, the offender will be transferred to the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center in Mauston, Wisconsin for treatment. Some offenders who do not agree to participate in treatment will remain at WRC.

Offenders who are committed under this law are allowed to petition the court for supervised release in the community. Only the court can grant supervised release. Supervised Release is similar to being on probation or parole supervision.

DHS staff develop a court-approved supervised release plan including supervision and continued treatment services. A State of Wisconsin Probation and Parole Agent is assigned to the case. Rules, limits and expectations are imposed on an offender granted supervised release. Violations of conditions of release or rules of supervision may result in the court revoking the supervised release. As a consequence, the offender may return to a secure treatment facility.

The law also allows the person to petition for discharge. Individuals are released from the secure treatment facility if the court determines they no longer meet the legal definition of a sexually violent person and terminates their commitment.

Any person committed under this law is required to comply with sex offender registration in Wisconsin for life. Any person committed under this law who is released into the community, whether on supervised release or discharged is subject to community notification. The DHS notifies local law enforcement of the person's release for community notification purposes.

The law requires notification of the victim at least seven days prior to an offender's release from a secure treatment facility. This is the only information the Department can provide to you about this individual under Wisconsin law governing patient confidentiality.

## **YOU CAN CHOOSE...**

You will be notified of the offender's release from a secure treatment facility ONLY if YOU wish to be notified. If you choose not to know anything further about this individual, you need not take any further action.

If you wish to be kept informed about the offender's release from a secure facility, fill out the victim notification card provided by your District Attorney's Office or Department of Justice. Staple or tape it closed and mail it as soon as possible.

If your address changes or you decide at a later date that you no longer wish to receive notification, it will be your responsibility to inform the Department of Health and Family Services of the changes. Simply fill out and return a new registration card or send a letter to the

Department of Health Services  
Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center  
Supervised Release Program  
Attn: Community Services Director  
P.O. Box 700  
Mauston, WI 53948-0700

## **CONFIDENTIALITY...**

Your decision to be notified about the offender's release from a secure treatment facility, your telephone number and your address will be kept in the strictest of confidence. The offender WILL NOT be given this information.