

Two Level 3 sex offenders moving to Ham Lake

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The meeting will take place at McKinley Elementary, 1740 Constance Blvd. N.E., in Ham Lake.

State law requires public safety officials to notify the public when Level 3 sex offenders are moving into their community. There are no public meetings required when Level 1 and Level 2 predatory offenders move into communities.

Gregory Shannon Kelly, 55, and Kevin Lee Johnson, 40, are moving from Anoka. They resided on Pleasant Street, east of Ferry Street.

Kelly was convicted of criminal sexual conduct in the second-degree charges in both 1996 and 1998. The victims were young girls he knew who were between the ages of eight and 13. He was sentenced to prison in 1998 and released in 2001 on intensive supervised release, but he was returned to prison several times for using intoxicants.

After Kelly was most recently released from prison April 21, he lived in a halfway house. He must register as a predatory offender until April 20, 2019.

Johnson was convicted in 1991 of indecent exposure in Hennepin County and gross misdemeanor criminal sexual conduct in the fifth degree for fondling a victim he did not know. In 1995, he was convicted of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree for fondling a 10-year-old victim he knew. He later had another criminal sexual conduct in the second degree conviction in 2000.

Johnson was released from prison in 2004, but was sent back to prison several times because of violations of the terms of his intensive supervised release. He was most recently released May 4. He must register as a predatory offender for life.

The specific Ham Lake address these individuals are moving to will not be released, but according to the sheriff's office, the two men will be moving to the vicinity of 165th Avenue N.E. and Highway 65 on Dec. 16.

State law prohibits local law enforcement, the supervising release agent and the Minnesota Department of Corrections from directing released predatory offenders on where they can live or work.

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