



Sex Offender to be Released in Barron County

The Barron County Sheriff's Department is releasing the following information pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 301.46 which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender's release when, in the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety, awareness, and protection. The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex offense. Further, his criminal history places him in a classification level, which reflects the potential to re-offend.



Douglas Wiseman

This sex offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts. He is NOT wanted by law

enforcement at this time. This notification is not intended to increase fear. It is our belief that an informed public is a safer public.

Douglas Wiseman, 51, was released on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 and will be residing at 1832 29 3/4 Ave, near Haugen. He was convicted for soliciting a child for prostitution and 2nd degree aggravated criminal sexual assault of a child.

Sex offenders have always lived in our communities, but it was not until the Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Law was enacted that law enforcement was able to share this information with the community. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate, or harass registered offenders will NOT be tolerated and will be considered a criminal offense.

As a community, this notification provides us with an opportunity to work together by sharing information to enhance the public safety by increasing community awareness regarding this offender and offering positive crime prevention suggestions.

Cumberland Woman and Hertel Man Charged with Defrauding Tribal Housing Authority; In Separate Lawsuit March 7 St. Croix Chippewa Indians File Lawsuits to Prevent Property Transfer

Karen Johnson, 55, of Cumberland has been charged with three counts of wire fraud, from theft from a federally funded organization, and aggravated identity theft. The indictment alleges that from November 2018 through June 2019, Johnson, while being employed as a housing specialist with the St. Croix Chippewa Housing Authority, created false invoices and vouchers at work, allegedly done by an individual A on behalf of the Housing Authority and then wrote checks payable to Individual A from the Housing Authority's bank account.

The indictment further alleges that Johnson endorsed each check by forging the signature of Individual A and deposited the proceeds into her personal bank account. According to the indictment, Individual A did not perform the work for the Housing Authority or create the invoices and he was unaware his identity was used in this manner. The wire fraud charges involve three Housing Authority checks totaling \$12,700.

The second indictment charges Duane Emery, 64, Hertel, Wisconsin, with three counts of wire fraud and one count of theft from a federally funded program. The indictment alleges that

from February 2015 to June 2019, Emery, while employed as the housing director for the Housing Authority, requested a fellow employee to write checks drawn on the Housing Authority account payable to Sears, claiming that the checks constituted reimbursement for his expenses related to his employment with the Housing Authority. The indictment alleges that Emery used the funds to make payments to his personal Sears credit card account. The wire fraud charges involved three Housing Authority checks totaling \$6,600.

If convicted, Johnson and Emery face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each wire fraud count and 10 years on the theft from a federally funded program count. The aggravated identity theft count Johnson is charged with carries a mandatory two-year penalty.

The charges against Johnson and Emery are the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Inspector General with the full support and cooperation of the St. Croix Tribe. Assistant U.S. Attorney Taylor Kraus is handling the prosecution.

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Robin Hood!



Matt Wicke and Emma McNulty rehearse for the Cumberland High School presentation of "Robin Hood" at the ETC Theater Monday night March 20th. The show opens March 30th at 7 pm. Other show dates are March 31 and April 1st & 2nd. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling the high school office at 715-822 5121. Make plans for what is sure to be a fun show.

Barron County Sheriff Department Sergeant Chris Allen Graduates From the FBI Academy

Congratulations to Sgt. Chris Allen as one of the 247 graduates. Thanks for your hard work and dedication. Special thanks to your wife and kids for holding down the fort while he was gone.

FBI National Academy Session 285 Graduation QUANTICO, VA - Two hundred and forty-seven law enforcement officers graduated today from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 285th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 28 countries, four military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Director Christopher Asher Wray delivered remarks at the ceremony. Class spokesperson James Thomas of the Texas Department of Public Safety -Texas Rangers Division, represented the graduating officers.

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and

other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered.

A total of 54,154 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its

new special agents and intelligence analysts.

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Barron County Sergeant Chris Allen at the FBI Academy in Quantico Virginia.

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