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Update: Sex Offender Will Be Housed, Not Homeless

STEVENS POINT- Earlier this week, it was reported that a convicted sex offender (Cody J. Patterson, age 28) who is due for release from prison on July 5, had chosen to be homeless upon his release. It has since become clear that appropriate housing is available to Mr. Patterson and that he will <u>not</u> become homeless upon release. He will be located at 1504 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) and Mayor Mike Wiza (Stevens Point) issued the following joint statement:

"As we begin the holiday weekend, it's important that we have clarity on this matter for our concerned community members. After having conversations with the Evers administration, Department of Corrections, and Stevens Point Police Department, we now understand that Mr. Patterson will be given housing at a local transitional housing facility. There, he will be under intensive supervision and monitored for compliance with the terms of his release through GPS monitoring, site checks, and weekly meetings with his agent.

"Anyone who has knowledge of a sex offender under supervision in Stevens Point violating the terms of their release can contact the Stevens Point Probation and Parole office to let them know. We are glad that appropriate housing was identified for this individual, and will continue to keep a close eye on this and other similar situations in the future."

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Note: the Stevens Point Probation and Parole Office can be reached at (715) 346-1250