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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Notice of High Risk Offender Release

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.- The South Dakota Department of Corrections is providing notification to law enforcement and the public about the pending release of a state prison offender considered to be a high risk to reoffend.

Offender James Hanscom, age 28, is currently serving a 6-year, 8-month, 10-day sentence from Minnehaha County for attempted sexual contact with a child less than 16 years old. Hanscom's sentence expires on July 20, 2023, and he must be released from prison. Because he served his entire sentence, he will not be on parole supervision or any monitoring.

Hanscom is releasing to the Sioux Falls area.

"Based on his criminal history and institutional assessments that indicate a high risk to re-offend, I am alerting law enforcement and the public of this offender's pending release from prison," said Secretary of Corrections Kellie Wasko.

This specific notification is in addition to the letters currently sent to law enforcement and notices provided to the Division of Criminal Investigation each month.

Hanscom is white, 5-feet-6 inches tall and weighs approximately 212 pounds. He has black hair and green eyes.

Since 2011, the Department of Corrections has issued a total of 13 public notices of pending high risk offender releases.

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Additional information is available in the DOC Policy 1.4.G.6 System Risk Level, which can be accessed on the DOC website under Policies at doc.sd.gov.