

# Emmons County Sheriff's Office

## SEX OFFENDER

### Public Notification and Release of Information

The Emmons County Sheriff's Office is releasing the following information pursuant to ND Century Code 12.1-32-15, which requires law enforcement agencies to disclose to the public relevant and necessary registration information when a sexual offender registered under this section is a public risk and disclosure of the registration is necessary for public protection.

The individual whose name appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex crime against a child, or has pleaded guilty to a sexual offense. In accordance with North Dakota State Law this individual must register as a sexual offender.

The offender **is not wanted** by the law enforcement at this time and has served the sentence imposed by the court. This notification is not intended to increase fear in the community. It is the belief of the Emmons County Sheriff's Office that an informed public is a safer public.

The Emmons County Sheriff's Office does not have control over where the offender chooses to reside, work, socialize or go to school unless the court has deemed it necessary to place restrictions on the offender's movements.

The risk level recently assigned to the offender by the North Dakota Attorney General's Office is based on factual criminological information which has been provided by the courts, prosecutors, probation/parole officers, case files, offender treatment files, and/or other law enforcement agencies. The ND Attorney General's Office will determine and assign an offender as either a LOW, MODERATE or HIGH Risk Level. An Offender may be listed as UNDETERMINED pending their Risk Level Assessment by the ND Attorney General's Office after reviewing the Offenders convictions and case file and will determine and assign a risk level at a later date.

The information shared with the public is for "safety" reasons only. This information is not intended or to be used to threaten, harass, assault or intimidate the registered offender.

Your personal safety and the safety of your family are important to the members of the Emmons County Sheriff's Office. Please take the time to report any suspicious or criminal activity. The safety of our community depends on your willingness to get involved. Emergency: 911 - Emmons County Sheriff's Office: 254-4411

**Risk Level:** HIGH      **Registration Requirement:** **LIFETIME.** (*Expires: N/A*)

**Name of Offender:** **Dean Allen Benter**      **Age:** 55

**Description:** White Male. **HGT:** 6' 04" **WGT:** 300 lbs. **Hair:** Bald. **Eyes:** Blue

**Address:** **1530 91<sup>st</sup> Street SE. Strasburg, ND 58573.**



***Conviction Information:***

***09/07/2021: Possession of Prohibited  
Material-Sexual Conduct by a Minor.  
NDCC:12.1-27.2-04.1.***

Banes County ND. District Court.

**BENTER POSSESSED MULTIPLE IMAGES AND  
VIDEOS OF PREPUBESCENT FEMALES  
BETWEEN THE AGES OF 4-14 YEARS OLD  
WITH THEIR PRIVATE AREAS EXPOSED.**

**Emmons County Sheriff's Office  
Linton, ND 58552  
254-4411 or 911**