



STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW  
ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

October 13, 2021

Commissioner Marie Cannon  
Department of Social Services  
95 Franklin Street – 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Commissioner Cannon:

In March, 2019, I wrote to you regarding a Level 2 Sex Offender, [REDACTED], who listed [REDACTED] in Hamburg, [REDACTED], as his primary residence. At the time, denials were made that the sex offender lived at the location. Two and a half years later, after revisiting the issue, [REDACTED] continues to list his primary address as [REDACTED].

As you may recall, [REDACTED] was convicted of a felony sex offense against two female children, aged 10 and 12 years, in 2003. He is currently listed on the sex offender database. I have attached a printout of [REDACTED]'s current information from the online New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services searchable database.

Upon a review of payment information, it appears the Erie County continues to utilize [REDACTED] to place families in need of temporary emergency housing.

In an effort to determine if [REDACTED] does indeed reside at [REDACTED], I instructed staff to attempt to make contact with [REDACTED]. There was no answer to knocks at the door of the listed address on October 12 and 13, 2021, and the front desk stated that no one with [REDACTED]'s name was at the motel. Unfortunately, these actions are not dispositive as to [REDACTED]'s residence, as he could be living there under an assumed name, staff may not have accurate information, or he may indeed be residing elsewhere.

Regardless, a registered sex offender lists his primary residence as a hotel that Erie County uses for emergency housing for families.

As such, I ask that you investigate and determine if [REDACTED] does indeed reside at [REDACTED]. If he does, do not place vulnerable families in harm's way by locating them there until the facility no longer houses registered sex offenders. If [REDACTED] does not live there, work with New York State to determine where this sex offender does actually reside, so that families can be made aware of the potential threat in their neighborhood.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stefan Mychajliw, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stefan I. Mychajliw, Jr.  
Erie County Comptroller

Enclosed Attachments

## Offender Details

Anyone who uses this information to injure, harass or commit a criminal act against any person may be subject to criminal prosecution.

### Domiciled



### Additional Offender Photos

|             |                        |            |               |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Offender Id | 25727                  | Race       | White         |
| Last Name   |                        | Ethnicity  | Unknown       |
| First Name  |                        | Height     | 6' 01"        |
| Middle Name |                        | Weight     | 185           |
| DOB         | Jan. 21, 1959          | Hair       | Brown         |
| Sex         | Male                   | Eyes       | Blue          |
| Risk Level  | 2                      | Corr. Lens |               |
| Designation | No Designation Applies | Photo Date | Nov. 13, 2012 |

### Current Addresses

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Type    | RES (Primary)           |
| County  | Erie                    |
| Address | HAMBURG, New York 14075 |

### Law Enforcement Agency Having Jurisdiction

Hamburg Town Police Department

### Current Conviction

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Title      | Section  |
| OUT        | 00000000 |
| Subsection | Class    |
| 000000     | U        |
| Category   | Counts   |
| F          | 1        |

### Description

Non-NYS Felony Sex Offense

### Date of Crime

Dec. 2, 2001

### Date Convicted

Jan. 27, 2003

### Victim Sex/Age

Female, 12 Years  
Female, 10 Years

**Arresting Agency**

Pennsylvania State Police - Sex Offender Registry

**Offense Descriptions**

None Reported

**Relationship to Victim**

None Reported

**Weapon Used**

None Reported

**Force Used**

None Reported

**Computer Used**

None Reported

**Pornography Involved**

None Reported

**Sentence**

Probation: 2 Year(s)

**Previous Conviction(s) Requiring Registration**

None Reported

**Supervising Agency Information**

None Reported

**Special Conditions of Supervision**

None Reported

**Maximum Expiration Date/Post Release Supervision Date of Sentence:**

None Reported

**Scars, Marks & Tattoos**

Scar-Arm, left

Scar-Neck

Scar-Face, nonspecific

Scar-Foot, right

**Additional Names/Aliases**

**Current Vehicles**

None Reported



## ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

March 22, 2019

Commissioner Marie Cannon  
Department of Social Services  
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Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Commissioner Cannon:

Deputy Comptroller for Audit Scott Kroll requested from you a list of hotels used by the Department of Social Services DSS for shelter placement. This placement is for the protection of our most vulnerable families and often their children. As you know, he requested the information to confirm that hotel occupancy tax was paid on properties used by Erie County for housing families as part of the TANF program, or any other program administered by DSS. This request was made to assist a separate project my office is working on to update our internal hotel occupancy tax collection process.

While reviewing the list of ten hotels that you provided, certain properties gave Mr. Kroll pause and prompted him to review them at a different level. As a result of this information gathering, I feel obligated to share with you an observation that I find very concerning.

You identified [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] in Hamburg, as one of the four primary properties used by DSS. That address matches the primary residence of [REDACTED] who lives in [REDACTED], according to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services database. [REDACTED] was convicted of felony sex offenses against two female children, aged 10 and 12 years, in 2003. He is currently listed on the sex offender database. I have attached a printout of [REDACTED] information from the online searchable database.

I am not aware of DSS or New York State's policies regarding housing families receiving TANF in the same facilities as registered sex offenders. I intend to seek such information next week. This information will be part of a broader investigation into the subject. However, in the meantime, I felt that it was important to immediately notify you of this information so that the county does not knowingly put children, or adults for that matter, in harm's way.

Sincerely,

Stefan I. Mychajliw, Jr.  
Erie County Comptroller

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