



# DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **Garon Leitzke removed from Rural Brownsville Placement**

On August 28, 2024, Sheriff Dale Schmidt held a public meeting, first notifying Brownville area residents of a Chapter 980 Sex Offender being released into rural Brownsville after a court order by a Dodge County Circuit Court Judge. A press release was issued the following day, providing this information to the entire county. On September 5, 2024, Garon Leitzke was placed at an address on State Highway 49.

After the notification, Sheriff Schmidt ordered the sheriff's office patrol division to conduct regular patrols in the area, saturating the area around this residence to provide some peace of mind to area residents. Patrols began, and the sheriff's office received a great deal of positive feedback from the residents as they witnessed the increased patrol.

The public may have noticed that these extra patrols have diminished since February 20, 2025, as Garon Leitzke was taken into custody by the Department of Corrections Division, Division of Community Corrections. While the Division of Community Corrections is severely understaffed and unduly restricted by administrative regulations of DOC, the quality of the staff working in our Dodge County Office is exemplary. Sheriff Schmidt has been in communication with Probation and Parole Agents Waters and Kerr who have been supervising Garon Leitzke and because it was reported that he failed to comply with his rules, he was taken into custody in mid-February and transported to the Dodge County Jail, where he awaited a hearing with the Judge.

Yesterday, the judge signed an order removing Garon Leitzke from placement in the community, and he is being returned to Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Facility in Mauston, WI. While Sheriff Schmidt was eager to notify the community of the removal in February, he did not want to provide hope that Garon Leitzke would be removed until an official court order was signed removing him.

Sheriff Schmidt would also like to thank Agents Waters and Kerr for their outstanding attention to this individual and others that they supervise. Individuals like Agents Water and Kerr make our community safer for everyone to live in, and our community should be proud of them and the other agents that work in the Dodge County Office. We are proud of their work in difficult situations with an insurmountable case load.

The residents in the Brownsville area could always rest easy knowing that they were well protected, but now they can rest even easier knowing this individual has once again been removed from the community.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt

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