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Press Release

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Greenport, NY Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. reports that 26 year old Joseph B Race from Joslen Blvd, Greenport was arrested and charged with sexual abuse involving a four year old child.

The now six year old victim reported to relatives in November of this year that Race had subjected him to physical contact. The child's mother contacted the Sheriff's Office which initiated an investigation.

Race was a family friend and the reported sexual abuse occurred during the summer/fall of 2010 when the family was staying at Race's residence. During the course of the investigation, Race made admissions regarding his actions involving the victim.

Race was arrested on November 14th, 2012 at 4:55PM by Sheriff's Investigator's Mark Dunspaugh and Patrick Logue. He is charged with Criminal Sexual Act 1st Degree a Class B Felony. He was arraigned before the Hon. Judge Robert Brenzel of the Town of Greenport and remanded to the Columbia County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash and \$50,000 bond. He is to return to Greenport court at a later date.

The Columbia County District Attorney's Office and the Dr. Stephen and Suzanne Menkes Child Advocacy Center assisted in the investigation.

Anyone who may have information regarding Race is asked to contact Sheriff's Investigators at 518-828-4316.

The Sheriff reminds anyone who has information regarding Child Abuse to contact the NYS Child Abuse hotline at **1-800-342-3720** or a law enforcement agency.