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Press Release

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Sheriff's Office Arrest Stockport man for Rape

Stockport, NY – Columbia County Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. reports that 62 year old Michael Katsafarof of 1154 St Route 9 Columbiaville, NY has been arrested and charged with Rape 2nd Degree.

On November 5th, 2013 the Columbia County Sheriff Office was contacted by the parents of a child under the age of 17 years old who suspected that an adult male known to the family and their child, had sexual contact with their child. An investigation was initiated which revealed that during a recent visit to his house, Katsafarof forced the victim to have sexual intercourse.

On November 7th, 2013 at approximately 4:06pm Katsafarof was arrested and charged with Rape in the 2nd Degree a class D-Felony. He was arraigned before the Honorable Judge Harold Horner in the Town of Stockport court. He was remanded to the Columbia County jail in lieu of no bail or bond. The case is set to be presented to the Grand Jury next week.

During the investigation, Katsafarof did make admissions as to his involvement concerning the child. The investigation is continuing and further charges are possible. Investigating for the Sheriff's Office are Sheriff's Investigators Mark Dunspaugh and Patrick Logue. District Attorney Paul Czajka's Office along with the Dr. Stephen and Suzanne Menkes Child Advocacy Center are also assisting in the investigation.

The Sheriff is asking that anyone that may have information concerning Katsafarof call or contact the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Branch at (518) 828-4316.