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## Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### **Sheriff's Office Arrest Warren County man for Rape**

**Claverack, NY – Columbia County Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. reports that 47 year old Perry Pendall of Stock Farm Road Chestertown, NY has been arrested and charged with Rape.**

**Approximately two weeks ago the Columbia County Sheriff Office was contacted by the parents of a child under the age of 17 years old who reported that they suspected that an adult male had attempted to have sexual contact with their child. An investigation was initiated which revealed that Pendall and the minor had met on the internet and later met in Columbia county and subsequently had sexual intercourse. Mr. Pendall had driven from Warren County on more than one occasion to meet with the child.**

**At approximately 4:42pm Investigators Mark dunspaugh and Patrick Logue arrested the defendant. He was charged with Rape in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree a class D-Felony and arraigned before the Honorable County Court Judge Richard Koweek at the Columbia County Courthouse and remanded to the Columbia County jail in lieu of \$1,000,000.00 bail bond. The case is set to be presented to the Grand Jury on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

**The investigation is continuing and further charges are possible. District Attorney Paul Czajka's Office along with the Warren County Sheriff's Criminal Investigative Unit is assisting in the investigation. Captain David Bartlett, Senior Investigator Kevin Skype, Patrol Sgt. William Zincio and other uniformed members of the Sheriff Office also assisted in the**

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**investigation. District Attorney Paul Czajka request that anyone with information in the Warren County area contact Warren County District Attorney Kate Hogan who was also involved in the investigation.**

**The Sheriff is asking that anyone that may have information concerning Pendall or his actions in the local area, to call or contact the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Branch at (518) 828-4316.**