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## Press Release

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### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDER**

**HUDSON, NY-** Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports the arrest of Level 3 Sex Offender Michael Jones, age 36, for Failure to Report Change of Address, second conviction, under the New York State Corrections Law, which is a class D Felony. Jones was previously convicted in 2010, and again in 2011 for failing to report his address to law enforcement. These prior convictions elevate the charge from a class E Felony to a class D Felony.

Jones was released from State Prison on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, and reported to the Sex Offender Registry that he was planning to reside in Columbia County. After his release, Jones failed to notify law enforcement as to where he was residing. Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Wendy Guntert opened an investigation back in late November of 2013 as to his whereabouts. Deputy Guntert subsequently obtained an Arrest warrant for Jones on February 20<sup>th</sup>, when her investigation revealed that Jones was possibly staying in Sheffield Massachusetts.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Sheriff's Deputies contacted the Sheffield Police Department and advised them of Jones suspected location. Officers from the Sheffield Police Department took Jones into custody a short time later without incident. Jones was arraigned in Berkshire County Court in Massachusetts, where he waived extradition to New York State.

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On Tuesday morning, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, The Berkshire House of Corrections in Pittsfield Massachusetts turned Jones over to the custody of Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Joshua Oakes. Jones was arraigned in the City of Hudson Court where he was remanded to the Columbia County Jail on \$1,000 cash bail and \$1,500 bond. Jones is scheduled to return to Hudson City Court on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00am.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Office of the Columbia County District Attorney, The New York State Sex Offender Registry, and the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board.