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SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS AUSTERLITZ MAN ON STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS FELONY WARRANT

Hudson, N.Y.: Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that on June 30, 2015, Deputy Sheriff's David Proper and Thomas Merante arrested 28 year old Zachary Santoro as a Fugitive from Justice at his residence at 18 Rapp Road in the Town of Austerlitz. The arrest was in part the result of a joint investigation between the Massachusetts State Police and Columbia County Sheriff's Office Investigators assigned to the Special Victims Unit.

Special Victims Unit Investigators assisted Massachusetts State Police with the investigation that resulted in an Arrest Warrant for Santoro that was issued by the Pittsfield District Court on June 23, 2015. The Warrant is for the crime of Rape of a Child; statutory.

Santoro was arraigned before Claverack Town Judge Charles Hoag and was ordered to be held in the Columbia County Jail without bail.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office urges anyone that may have information in reference to this investigation or any other suspicious activity involving sexual abuse to children, please contact Senior Investigator Mark Dunspaugh at 518-697-0111.