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SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS EAST CHATHAM MAN FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING A CHILD

Hudson, N.Y.: Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that on September 25, 2015, Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit arrested 33 year old Donald Heald of East Chatham and charged him with one count of Sex Abuse in the first degree, a Class D Felony. Heald is accused of having sexual contact with a person that is less than 13 years old. Heald was taken into custody at his home in East Chatham by Senior Investigator Mark Dunspaugh without incident.

Sheriff Bartlett stated that the Special Victims Unit was assisted in this investigation by the Columbia County District Attorney's Office, Columbia County Child Protective Service and the Child Advocacy Center.

Heald was arraigned in Livingston Town Court by the Honorable Judge Robert Q. Moore and remanded to the Columbia County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail OR \$25,000 bond.

The investigation is continuing. The Sheriff's Office believes there are other potential victims of Heald. The community is urged to contact Senior Investigator Mark Dunspaugh at 518-828-4316 with any information.