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LAKEPORT'S MOST WANTED SEX OFFENDER ARRESTED IN OREGON

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In 2004 the Lakeport Police Department investigated a sexual assault incident involving two female juvenile victims. The suspect was identified as Dustin Graham Powell (DOB: 12/02/81). After a complete investigation of the incident, the Lake County District Attorney filed felony sexual assault charges against Powell and an arrest warrant was issued in the amount of \$20,000.00. Those charges were one count of violating California Penal Code section 288(A), two counts of violating section 289(E) and two counts of violating section 289(I).

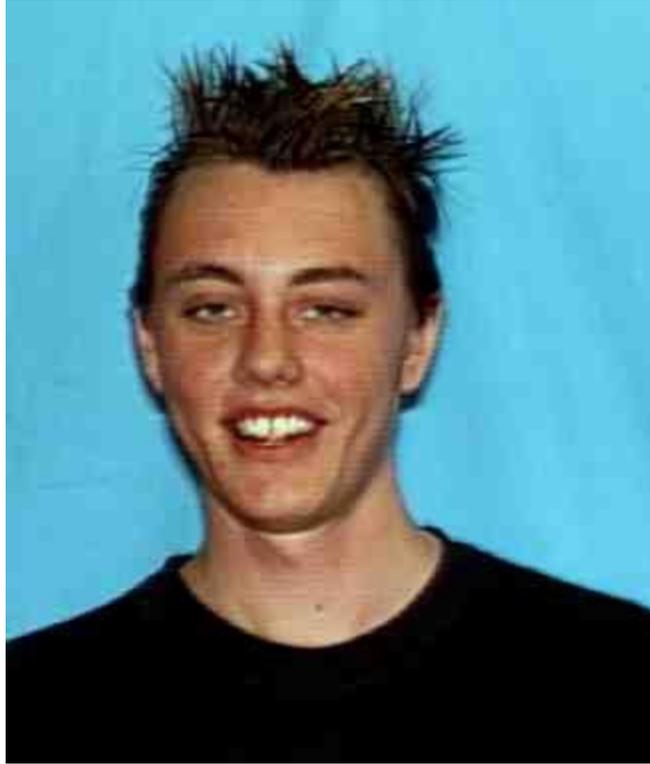
Before investigators could arrest Powell, he is believed to have fled Lake County to the State of Oregon. Investigators believe that Powell has been "hiding out" in Oregon since 2004, in an effort to avoid prosecution. Lakeport Police Investigators have worked with law enforcement agencies in Oregon in an effort to locate Powell during the past few years.

After receiving information as to Powell's location in Lane County Oregon, The Oregon State Police arrested him without incident on October 30, 2008.

Based on Powell's effort to avoid prosecution since 2004, Lakeport Police Department Investigators believed the original bail of \$20,000.00 was not sufficient to secure his appearance. On October 31, Lakeport Police Department Detective Norm Taylor presented a Lake County Superior Court Judge with an application for increased bail and Powell's bail was ordered increased to \$250,000.00.

Powell will be held in the Lane County Oregon Correctional Facility pending extradition to Lake County, CA.

**Kevin Burke
Chief of Police**



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Dustin Graham Powell

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