Level 1 Sex Offender Arrested for Assault In The Fourth Degree in Hoquiam

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After responding to the report of an assault at a residence in the 900 block of Monroe Street at 1:35 PM on Wednesday 2/25/09 Hoquiam police arrested 24 year old Christopher E. M. Richardson for Assault 4th degree and for Failing to register as a sex offender. He was booked into the Grays Harbor County jail on those charges. The 20 year old girlfriend of the man told officers that she had not been assaulted on Wednesday but that she was afraid of the man because he had assaulted her several times recently. The most recent assault had taken place on Tuesday 2/24/09. On Tuesday the man had grabbed her by the throat and chocked her but she did not call police at that time. She was not injured and did not request medical attention.

While an officer took a written statement from the victim another officer located Richardson on the street in the 400 block of Monroe. A warrants on the man revealed that he was a Level 1 Sex Offender. During the investigation it was determined that Richardson had changed his address with notifying authorities which is a violation of his requirement to register as a sex offender.Richardson admitted to officer that he had been living at the Hoquiam address on Monroe Street for approximately 5 months without registering his new address as required by law. He stated he did not know who to call to register. The last time the man did register was at an Astoria, Oregon address. Prior to moving to the Hoquiam, Monroe Street address Richardson was using a Shelton, Washington address. Richardson will be charged at the county level for Failing to Register and charged with 4th Degree Assault in Hoquiam Municipal Court.