Texas Rangers Arrest Lewis County Arrest Child Molester

Local News

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Chehalis, WA - On October 17, 2012, detectives from the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office made a request to Company “B” of the Garland Division of the Texas Rangers to attempt contact with a suspect in a 2007 child molestation case that occurred in the Pe Ell area.Michael T. Yeager, 41 years of age, currently residing in Quitman, Texas was wanted for voyeurism and six counts of 3rd degree child molestation.The original complaint, in 2007, involved Yeager molesting his girlfriend’s fourteen year old daughter while they resided together in the Pe Ell area. The alleged crime occurred over a several year span.The Lewis County Sheriff’s Office has been actively trying to locate Yeager since the warrant was issued in 2008. Detectives had information family members were assisting Yeager by providing him with a place to live. Earlier this week they developed information Yeager was living with relatives in Quitman, Texas. Quitman is located 94 miles west of Dallas.Yeager was arrested at 5:00 p.m. yesterday afternoon, at a relative’s house in Quitman, he offered no resistance. We are currently coordinating with the Texas authorities to have him extradited to Lewis County.Sheriff Steve Mansfield said, “This is an excellent example of law enforcement staying focused, working together and achieving our mission. No matter how far Yeager ran he could not out run the long arm of the law. The Texas Rangers acted quickly and arrested a dangerous fugitive before he was tipped off. Yeager will be returned to Lewis County where he will face the charges against him.”