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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A CHILD SUSPECT IN CUSTODY**

On July 16, 2003 at 3:45 PM an unknown suspect sexually assaulted a 10-year-old female in her residence in the area of East Fair Avenue and South Holly Street in Centennial, Colorado. Deputies responded to the scene and searched for the suspect, but he had already fled. The victim was not physically injured during the incident.

The suspect was described as a:

**White Male, 30-40 years of age, thin to medium build, Approximately 5'8" tall, short brown hair, mustache & goatee, fair complexion with pimples (acne) or pockmarks on his face, numerous tattoos with a distinctive tattoo on his upper left arm.**

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office began an extensive criminal investigation and followed up on numerous leads that were called in by citizens.

On October 7, 2003 DNA results were returned from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. A DNA match was received from the Oregon Department of Corrections of a known individual, identified as:

**Harland, Paul Michael – DOB 06/28/71 (Age 32)**  
**W/M, 5'8", 135 Lbs. Brown Hair/Green Eyes**  
(PHOTO ATTACHED)

An arrest warrant affidavit was prepared and Arapahoe County Judge Feldman signed it. The bond on the warrant was set at \$1,000,000. The charges on the warrant are:

First Degree Burglary	18-4-202 C.R.S.	Class 3 Felony
Sexual Assault On A Child	18-3-405 C.R.S.	Class 4 Felony

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Unlawful Sexual Contact      18-3-404 C.R.S.      Class 4 Felony  
Indecent Exposure              18-7-302 C.R.S.      Class 2 Misdemeanor

If convicted the following prison sentences and/or fines can be levied:

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Imprisonment</b>	<b>Fine</b>
First Degree Burglary	4 to 12 years	\$3,000 to \$750,000
Sexual Assault On A Child	2 to 8 years	\$2,000 to \$500,000
Unlawful Sexual Contact	2 to 6 years	\$2,000 to \$500,000
Indecent Exposure	3 to 12 months	\$250 to \$1000

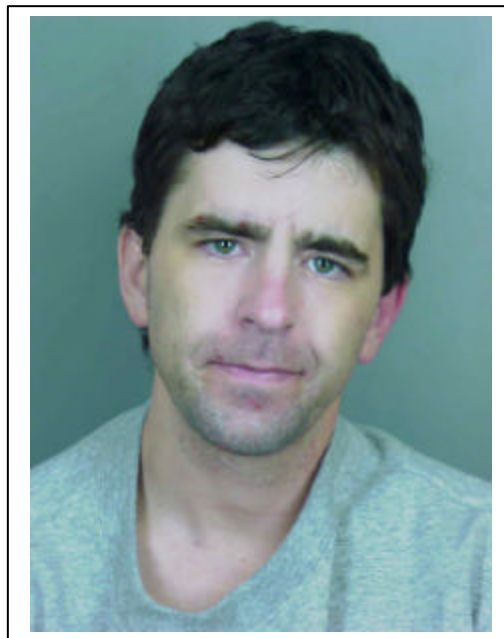
Since October 7, 2003 the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has engaged in an extensive search and conducted numerous surveillances in an attempt to locate and arrest Harland.

On October 21, 2003 at approximately 12:45 AM sheriff's deputies were conducting a surveillance at a Denver address when information was received which lead to the location of Harland.

Sheriff's Office Warrants and Special Investigation Section Investigators initiated a surveillance at 1845 Kendall St. #102 in Lakewood, CO. At approximately 4:45 AM sheriff's deputies working with officers from the Lakewood Police Department contacted Harland inside the apartment. Harland was arrested without incident. Harland was transported to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office where he was interviewed.

Harland was booked into the Sullivan Center Detention Facility with a bond of \$1,000,000.

**For additional information, contact Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson at (720) 874-4165.**



Paul Michael Harland – DOB 06/28/71

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