

## **Avery Man Charged with Sex Offense**

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It was a week ago today that officers with the Avery County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into a report of a runaway juvenile female from Yancey County—an incident that has now led to sex offense charges. The probe led deputies to the residence of 20 year old John Porter in Avery County on US19E. The Sheriff's office says in their release that the juvenile was located and returned to her home in Yancey County. After returning home the juvenile disclosed sexual activity with Porter, according to the release, and investigators with the Sheriff's Office have charged Porter with Statutory Rape. Porter is in the Avery County Jail under a \$100,000.00 bond.