

Foster Parent Charged With Sex Counts

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On February 25th, the Watauga County Sheriff's Office of Criminal Investigation, received a report alleging an inappropriate sexual relationship between a 17 year old juvenile foster child and a foster parent in Watauga County. The Watauga County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Unit, along with the Watauga County Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Children's Advocacy Center of the Blue Ridge, conducted an investigation into the incident. As a result of interviews taken in the investigation, Jason Hatfield, 42, of 320 River Knoll Road, Banner Elk, was charged with six counts of Sexual Activity by a Substitute Parent. Hatfield was taken before a Watauga County Magistrate on March 3rd and set a \$50,000.00 bond. The court date for Jason Hatfield is scheduled for April 30th.