

## Newland Man Charged With Statutory Rape

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The Watauga County Sheriff's Office arrested a 56-year-old man from Newland, charging him with numerous charges including first-degree statutory rape and first-degree statutory sex offense.

Sheriff Len Hagaman said Clay Mitchell Ollis was charged after an investigation stemming from an alleged child sexual abuse case.

Hagaman said the sheriff's office received the report on December 7th, although the alleged incident occurred between 1999 and 2004 at a residence in Watauga County.

Ollis was taken before a Watauga County Magistrate and placed under a \$200,000 secured bond and given a court date of January 30th.