

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 288(A) PC [Lewd and lascivious acts with a child], 288A(C)(2) [Forced oral copulation of a minor], 288A(b)(2) [Oral copulation with a child under 16], 311.11(a) PC [possess material depicting obscene matter], 29800(a)(1) PC [felon in possession of a firearm], 11361(b) PC [Furnish marijuana to a child], 597(B) PC [Cruelty to animals], 11357(c) H&S [Furnish narcotics to a minor]

Report Number: 2014-25663

Coroner Number:

Crime/Incident:

288(A) PC [Lewd and lascivious acts with a child], 288A(C)(2) [Forced oral copulation of a minor], 288A(b)(2) [Oral copulation with a child under 16], 311.11(a) PC [possess material depicting obscene matter], 29800(a)(1) PC [felon in possession of a firearm], 11361(b) PC [Furnish marijuana to a child], 597(B) PC [Cruelty to animals], 11357(c) H&S [Furnish narcotics to a minor]

Location:

23000 Block Seaview Drive Westport California

When:

Date:

02-23-2016

Time:

3:00 PM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	Minor female			

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	Matthew Thomas McCarthy	47		Westport, California

Written by: Sergeant Andrew Porter

Synopsis: In September of 2014, a minor female came forward and reported that several years earlier she had been molested by Matthew Thomas McCarthy, 47 of Westport California. While the investigation was ongoing, a second victim came forward, independent of the first, alleging that she too had been molested by Matthew Thomas McCarthy several years earlier.

In September of 2015, Detectives from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at McCarthy's residence in Westport. During the service of the search warrant, multiple computers and computer components were seized to be later analyzed for evidence pertaining to the alleged offenses. Also, during the search warrant, several firearms were located at the residence. McCarthy is a previously convicted sex offender and felon and therefore it was unlawful for him to possess firearms.

After the computers were analyzed additional charges of possession of child pornography and cruelty to animals were sought. The case was submitted to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office along with the findings from his computers.

A Mendocino County Superior Court judge issued an arrest warrant and McCarthy was arrested at the Sheriff's Office Fort Bragg Sub Station on 02-23-2016 at 3:00 PM. McCarthy was booked into the Mendocino County Jail for four counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child, 3 counts of forced oral copulation with a child, 2 additional counts of oral copulation with a child under 16 years of age, furnishing or administers narcotics to a child, providing marijuana to a child, cruelty to animals, felon in possession of firearms, and multiple special allegations for prior convictions, including a prior conviction for lewd and lascivious acts with a child. McCarthy is being held in lieu of \$850,000 bail.

If there is anybody who has any additional information about these offenses or any other offenses involving Matthew McCarthy please contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Top Line at 707-234-2100.

Approved By: Lieutenant Shannon Barney

[Click Here to Close Window](#)