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SEXUAL PREDATOR ARRESTED AFTER RAPING 6 YEAR OLD BOY IN LIBRARY

New Bedford, Massachusetts – At 5:45 PM on January 30, 2008 the New Bedford Police Communications center received a call that a 6 year old boy had just been assaulted in the Downtown Public Library. Immediately patrol units responded to the library and determined that a 6 year old boy had been enticed to commit sexual acts and raped by a Level 3 Sex Offender named Corey SAUNDERS (26 years old).

Patrol and detective units throughout the city searched for SAUNDERS extensively and a short time later, Detective Albert Silva and Christopher Andrade of the Juvenile Division and Sexual Assault Unit located SAUNDERS standing on the steps of an area homeless shelter. SAUNDERS was taken into custody and transported to New Bedford Police Headquarters where he was charged and processed by Officer Samuel Ortega before being brought to the Bristol County Ash Street Jail for detention.

SAUNDERS was arraigned this morning at New Bedford 3rd District Court and was held WITHOUT BAIL pending a Dangerousness Hearing to be held on February 7th at the New Bedford 3rd District Court. District Attorney Sam Sutter will personally be presenting this case to the judge, symbolizing his level of concern and commitment to keep dangerous criminals such as SAUNDERS off the streets.

SAUNDERS was convicted in 2001 of: (1) Indecent Assault & Battery Upon A Child Under 14 (*12 year old boy*), and; (2) Attempted Rape Of A Child. He agreed to a sentence of (4) years and (1) day to serve on the first charge and (12) years probation on the second. In December 2006, after serving his sentence, the former district attorney's office filed a petition to have SAUNDERS held as a Sexually Dangerous Person.

Despite the testimony of **two**, court-appointed, psychological expert witnesses as well as a **third** psychological expert witness for the Commonwealth that SAUNDERS was an extremely sexually dangerous person that should be held, Presiding Judge Richard Moses ruled for SAUNDERS and allowed him to be released.

Information from the investigation so far is that SAUNDERS had been staying in the Boston area until recently when he came to New Bedford. SAUNDERS registered with the New Bedford Police Department as a **Level 3 Sex Offender** on January 17, 2008 and appears to have been staying at various shelters until his arrest last night.

If convicted, SAUNDERS faces a term of LIFE IMPRISONMENT for the above charges



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Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number: 266599

Name: **SAUNDERS, COREY DEEN**



Photo Date: 1/30/2008

Race: WHITE
DOB: 01/26/1982
Age: 26
Sex: MALE
Eyes: HAZEL
Hair: BLONDE
Height: 64 INCHES
Weight: 265 LBS



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