



CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER APPREHENDED WITH TWO TEENS FROM BELOIT

August 5, 2015—Police in northern Wisconsin have apprehended a convicted sex offender who fled the area last night with two fourteen year old girls from Beloit. 46 year old James Coke of 516 Vernon Avenue, Beloit, was arrested this afternoon by Marinette City Police with assistance from the Marinette County Sheriff's Department at 5:15 p.m. on Highway 41 in Marinette County with the missing teens.

Yesterday evening the girls were reported as run-aways. Later one of the mothers of the teens called Beloit Police with information saying the girls may be with Coke. Police went to the area where Coke lived, interviewed people, obtained a cell phone number for Coke, and spoke to him on the phone where he admitted to having the girls in his vehicle.

Later the FBI was called in because detectives were intermittently communicating with Coke and it was believed he entered Michigan with the girls.

Working with law enforcement agencies across the state, Coke was taken into custody. The girls appear to be in good condition.

The investigation revealed Coke has had prior contact with one of the girls.

Coke is a convicted sex offender in Illinois and is not currently on probation.

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Anyone with information in regards to this crime is encouraged to call the Beloit Police Department, 364-6801, or Beloit Area Crime Stoppers, 362-7463. Individuals may also text information to 274637 then type BACS + your message. Information leading to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1000.00.

Contact the Victim/Witness Assistance Program at 608-757-5569 if you are in need of support, referrals, services or general information as a victim/witness of a crime.

Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3:6 Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Offender Basic Information Sheet

Name: COKE, JAMES M

DOC #: X0155982

SID #: WI01353017

DOB: 07/04/1969

Age: 46

Height: 6' 1" **Weight:** 340

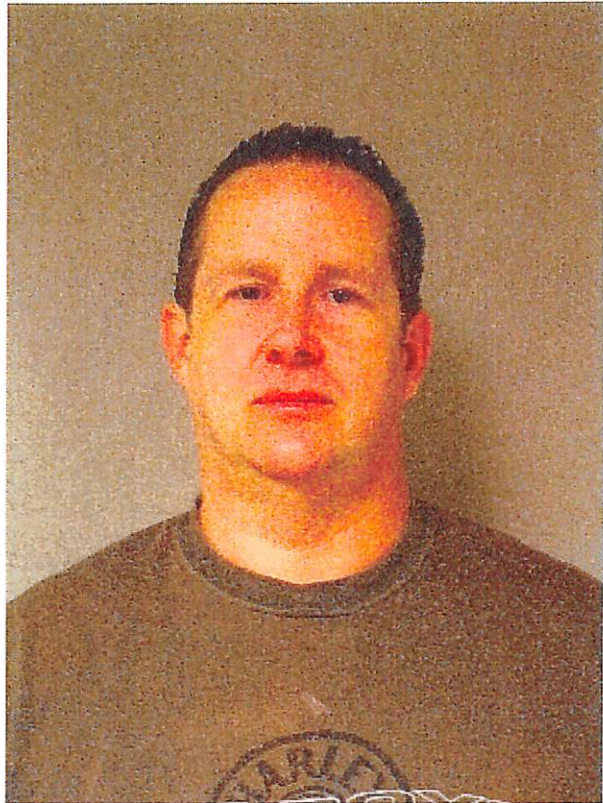
Race: WHITE

Hair Color: BROWN

Eye Color: BROWN

Sex: MALE

PhotoDate: 02/06/2012



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