



City of Red Bluff
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT PERSON: On Duty Supervisor

CRIME/INCIDENT: Annoy or molest a child under 18 years old with special circumstances (previous conviction)
Parole Violation

SUSPECT: Freddie James Latham, 83 years old of Red Bluff

VICTIM: 12 year old confidential victim

CASE NUMBER: 16-462

LOCATION: 700 block of Kimball Road, Red Bluff

DATE OCCURRED: 2/5/2016

TIME OCCURRED: 7:45 A.M.

SUMMARY:

On 2/5/2016, Officers were called to Vista School in regards to an adult man who grabbed a female juveniles hand on her way to school. Officer contacted the 12 year old confidential victim who reported while walking to school this morning, a man whom she did not know, approached her on the 700 block of Kimball Road. The man, later identified as Freddie Latham, 83 years old of Red Bluff, did not say anything to the victim, but grabbed her hand and held it. After a couple of seconds, the victim saw a school bus drive by and was able to pull her hand away from Latham. Latham then walked away through a field. The victim was uninjured as a result of this incident.

Officers searched the area and located Latham walking through a field in the area of Crosby Road near Spyglass Drive. Latham was arrested for the violations and booked into the Tehama County Jail. Latham is being held at the Tehama County Jail without bail.

Latham is currently required to register as a sex offender in accordance to Penal Code 290. Latham is on parole and has previous convictions for annoy or molest a child under 18 years of age and continuous sexual abuse of a child. Latham is a resident in the area where this incident occurred and at the time, was monitored by a parole ankle monitor as a condition of his release.

Attached is a photo of Latham.

The Red Bluff Police Department encourages parents to talk to their children about avoiding strangers. We also recommend kids who walk to school walk with an adult or in a group.

Sergeant Michael Brown

