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A25-20691 – CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT MATERIAL (CSAM) ARREST
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On August 28, 2025, Cowlitz County Detectives received multiple referrals from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) reporting incidents related to the trafficking of Child Sexual Assault Material (CSAM).

The information came from social media sites, which reported multiple images with hash matches to known CSAM being sent and received by accounts linked to a Longview, Washington resident. Hash matching is a digital process where a unique "hash" is generated for a digital file using a hash function. This hash is then compared against a database of known hashes. Hash matching confirmed these files were identical to content previously identified as CSAM.

Detectives used search warrants and subpoenas to confirm the association of these accounts to 49-year-old Jeremy Peter Williams of Longview. On September 16, 2025, detectives contacted and arrested Williams and served a search warrant on his residence. Phones, computers, and digital storage devices were seized for further examination.

Williams was booked into the Cowlitz County Jail on charges of Dealing in Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct and Possession of Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct.

Williams is currently employed as the Principal at the Rainier, Oregon Junior/Senior High School. There is no evidence indicating that any students in that school district were involved. The Rainier School District has confirmed that Williams was on paid administrative leave at the time of his arrest for an unrelated issue.

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