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MEDIA RELEASE

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BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Immediate

On Thursday, January 22, 2026, the Bow Police Department arrested an individual following an investigation for sexual assault of a minor.

As a result of the investigation, James Bautista, 21, of Bedford, was taken into custody without incident.

Bautista faces three counts of Felonious Sexual Assault, NH RSA 632:-A:3, which are non-bailable offenses per RSA 597:2. Bautista was booked, processed, and transported to the Merrimack House of Corrections, where he will wait to be video arraigned at the 6th Circuit District Division Concord Court on Friday, January 23, 2026.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone with additional information related to this case or concerning James Bautista is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Tyler Coady at the Bow Police Department at 603-223-3956 or via email at tcoady@bownhpd.gov.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously through the Concord Regional Crimeline <https://crimewatch.net/us/nh/merrimack/crimeline>.

"The safety of our youth is a primary focus for the Bow Police Department," said Chief Ken Miller. "This arrest is the result of solid investigative work, which allowed our officers to take this individual into custody without incident."

Note: An arrest does not constitute a conviction. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This press release is for informational purposes only and may contain preliminary information that is subject to change as the investigation proceeds.

Chief Ken Miller.