

Mason City Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Re: Joseph Dean Wallace Arrest

At approximately 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, Mason City Police Officers responded to a 911 call. A staff member had been assaulted at North Iowa Transition Center, 408 1st Street NW. Officers arrived at the victim was sent to Mercy North Iowa for treatment for minor injuries. The victim was later released from the hospital.

The suspect had fled the scene, but returned later. Joseph Dean Wallace, age 54, was arrested and charged with Third Degree Sexual Abuse, a class C Felony. The investigation into the incident is ongoing. Mr. Wallace remains in custody at the Cerro Gordo County Jail.

Investigator Jason Hugi is handling the investigation for MCPD. Anyone with information about this incident can reach Hugi at 641-421-3636.

"AN ARREST WITHOUT DISPOSITION IS NOT AN INDICATION OF GUILT"

**Citizens with information about a crime are encouraged to call
CrimeStoppers at 1-800-383-0088. Rewards are available.**