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Type of Incident: **Sexual Assault**

Date and Time of Incident: **January & February 2009**

Location: **West Side of High Point**

On March 5th, at 11:55am, High Point Police received a 911 call in reference to a sexual assault that had just occurred. At the time of the call the suspect was being detained in the victim's residence. Officers responded to the residence and took the suspect, Benjamin Douglas Caldwell W/M/29 into custody.

The ensuing investigation discovered that the assaults had been taking place over the past three months. When interviewed by detectives, Mr. Caldwell admitted to multiple counts of Statutory Rape, Statutory Sex Offense and Taking Indecent Liberties With a Minor.

Mr. Caldwell was charged with 6-counts of Statutory Rape of a 14 Year Old, 3-counts of Statutory Sex Offense of a 14 Year Old and 8-counts of Taking Indecent Liberties With a Minor. He was incarcerated in the Guilford County Jail under a \$500,000.00 bond.

Mr. Caldwell also admitted that he was the youth pastor of Hayworth Wesleyan Church and the Athletic Director of Hayworth Christian School.

This is an ongoing investigation and if anyone has information related to this case, please contact Detective Thompson at (336)887-7864.



Benjamin Douglas Caldwell

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