

# Tehama County Sheriff's Office

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Dave Hencratt, Sheriff-Coroner

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## PRESS INFORMATION

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Felony Arrest

**CASE NUMBER:** 17-01923

**GENERAL LOCATION:** Benson Road, Cottonwood

**DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT:** November 20, 2017 at 1456 hr

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**VICTIM/S NAME:** Multiple Victims- Names withheld / Confidential victims

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**SUSPECT:** MCLAUGHLIN, Scott

**AGE:** 49 Years Old

**CITY OF RESIDENCE:** Cottonwood

**CHARGES:** Sodomy with force

Assault with the intent to commit rape (2 counts)

Child Cruelty

Attempt prevent victim from reporting

Lewd & Lascivious acts with child

**BAIL:** 5,000,000.00

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**SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:** Tehama County Sheriff's Office investigated Scott MCLAUGHLIN concerning reports he sexually abused several Tehama County juveniles. During the investigation, it was learned some of the assaults may have occurred in the Marysville area.

MCLAUGHLIN became friendly with several minors involved in dirt bike racing. He then would entice them to his residence in the Cottonwood area for sleepovers and target shooting.

MCLAUGHLIN would provide marijuana and alcohol to the minors prior to and during his sexual assault of them.

It is alleged that MCLAUGHLIN threatened to kill the minors if they came forward and reported the abuse.

On Monday, November 20, 2017, Tehama County Sheriff's Detectives served an arrest warrant on MCLAUGHLIN. After serving with arrest warrant a search warrant was also conducted on his residence. Numerous guns were seized during the search warrant. MCLAUGHLIN was booked at the Tehama County Jail and his bail was increased to 5 Million dollars.

The investigation is continuing. Further information will seek out additional victims. Anyone with information regarding this investigation please contact **Detective Chad Dada** [cdada@tehamaso.org](mailto:cdada@tehamaso.org).

**Reporting Officer: Lt. Y. Borden L85**

