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On February 29, 2016, Thurmont Police responded to a report of a Sex Offense involving a thirteen year old female. Further investigation revealed that the thirteen year old had a sexual relationship with a nineteen year old male and had become pregnant. The relationship occurred between December 2015 and January 2016. The investigating officer learned the name of the suspect, conducted an interview, and collected DNA evidence. DNA samples were collected from the suspect and the victim in March 2016, and the infant child in November 2016. DNA results were received in April 2017. DNA results indicated that Francis Xavier Geppi III, age 20, (age 19 at the time of the offense), of Frederick, was the father of the child. Mr. Geppi was arrested and served with an arrest warrant on April 24, 2017. Mr. Geppi was charged with: 2cts Sex Offense Second Degree; and 2cts of Rape Second Degree. Mr. Geppi was released on Personal Recognizance at his Initial Appearance before a District Court Commissioner.

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