

Magazine Salesman Charged After Sex Solicitation

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Boone Police have received numerous recent complaints related to door-to-door magazine salespersons and just yesterday arrested one of these solicitors for a serious crime. For the last two weeks, Boone officers have responded to complaints from citizens of magazine salespersons acting suspiciously, refusing to leave residences when asked, and using overbearing high-pressure sales tactics. On Wednesday, January 19th a female resident reported to police that one of these salespeople had pressured his way into her home, and then refused to leave when asked. Furthermore, the man reportedly refused to leave unless the woman either submitted to drug use and sexual activity or bought a magazine subscription from him. The woman "chose" to buy a subscription, then immediately called police.

Over the course of the day, Boone Police patrol officers searched for and encountered members of this magazine sales group, eventually identifying and apprehending the suspect in the incident. Jerad Michael Arnold, 22 years old of Arden, North Carolina, was charged with one felony count of common law robbery and booked into the Watauga County Detention Center under a \$20,000 secured bond with a March 20th court date.

The Boone Police Department is very concerned about these groups and urges citizens to always be cautious when dealing with door-to-door salespeople and to report suspicious activity.