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Church official wanted for suspicion of sexual abuse of underage females

Port Orchard, Wash. -- A search warrant was served today at the residence of a South Kitsap church official, as sheriff's detectives investigate allegations of rape and other sexual abuse on the part of a church pastor with juvenile females who are, or were, members of his congregation.

Presently, detectives have established probable cause to arrest Robbin Leeroy Harper, age 60, pastor of The Church in South Colby, for two counts of rape of a child, 2nd degree. Investigators strongly believe that the possibility exists that there are additional victims, some who may now be adults and others who may still be underage.

Sheriff's detectives served the warrant around noon at Harper's residence, co-located with the church, at 3525 Arvick Road SE, South Kitsap, outside the city limits of Port Orchard.

Harper was not at his residence or on the property. He is believed to be in the company of his spouse and traveling in a red-colored 2003 Hummer, Washington license 432-RLT. His whereabouts are unknown. Detectives believe that Harper is aware of the on-going investigation into his alleged offenses.

The investigation began last weekend when one of his victims, now an adult, called 9-1-1 and requested contact to report a sex offense. It soon began to unravel that there was more than one victim, possibly multiple victims, with multiple offenses against any one victim, and that the pattern of sexual abuse had been on-going since some of the victims were age 12 or 13.

Physical description: 5' 08" height 180 lbs. weight brown eyes wears glasses

Persons with information concerning the location of Harper are requested to contact 9-1-1. Those who feel that they were victims of sexual abuse perpetrated by Harper, or with any information about this investigation, are urged to contact Det. Lori Blankenship at (360) 337-5615.

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