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LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDER HELD IN CUSTODY FOLLOWING DANGEROUSNESS HEARING ON CHARGES RELATED TO ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD

PLYMOUTH – A Level 3 sex offender who allegedly attempted to lure online and then meet up with a 13-year-old girl, was found to be dangerous and held without bail, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

David M. Baxter, 56, of Hanson, pleaded not guilty to one count each of Attempt to Commit a Crime, Enticement of a Child Under the Age of 16, and Trafficking of a Person Under 18 For Sexual Servitude during a hearing earlier this month. The Commonwealth moved for a dangerousness hearing, which was held today in Plymouth District Court where Judge Scott Peterson found Baxter to be a danger. He is being held without bail and is scheduled to next appear in court on September 29.

On the night of August 21, Kingston Police received a phone call from a person reporting that a registered sex offender was at a gas station on Summer Street attempting to meet up with minors for sex.

Kingston Police responded and upon arrival, made contact with a man later identified as Baxter. At the scene, police also were approached by a man and woman who were part of an online organization where adults pose as minors online to expose child predators. The man provided police with a large packet of printed information which included screenshots, Instagram messages, and photos that were part of online exchanges between Baxter and the decoy — an alleged 13-year-old — which included sexually explicit messages from Baxter. The online conversations began on or about July 10th. Baxter was allegedly meeting up with the minor at the gas station in-person to exchange “support” and food for sexual intercourse. Baxter was arrested without incident.