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NEWS RELEASE

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Case# 25-024795

Regarding: Sexual Abuse Investigation

In August 2025, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office initiated a sexual abuse investigation after concerns were reported by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). During this investigation it was discovered that Kyle Ward, age 36 of Baxter, engaged in multiple sex acts with a child in the Baxter/Jasper County area between 2021 and 2025. Kyle Ward was arrested and booked into the Jasper County Jail on 4/15/2026 at 0801 on the following charges:

- 709.3(1)(b) Sexual Abuse – 2nd Degree
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Ward remains in the Jasper County Jail on no bond awaiting his initial appearance.

As a reminder, a criminal charge is merely an accusation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

For immediate release:

Brad M. Shutts, Sheriff

