

## Cops nab sex offender in Newburgh who failed to register

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CITY OF NEWBURGH — A lanky sex offender named Jesse Knapp walked across the parking lot of the Imperial Motel on Tuesday to find a police officer waiting for him.

Knapp had been convicted of sex crimes against a 7-year-old boy back in 1996 in Texas.

He has bounced around the South and Northeast ever since, registering as a sex offender most recently in Berkeley County, S.C.

Knapp is 36 years old, stands 6 foot 5 and weighs about 180 pounds. Berkeley County sheriff's deputies thought he might have headed to Newburgh.

Officer John Jenerose spotted him in the parking lot and asked his name.

Knapp told Jenerose he figured he didn't have to register because he was only visiting Newburgh, according to the report.

Jenerose disagreed, on account of the way Knapp had paid for his stay at the Imperial. He told Jenerose and Sgt. Joseph Lee he had persuaded the United Way to pay the bill when he couldn't find a place to stay.

When told by police the United Way doesn't pay for vacations, Knapp told them he hadn't thought of it that way and should have registered.

He was later arraigned in City Court and is awaiting his next court appearance in Orange County Jail on \$1,500 bail.



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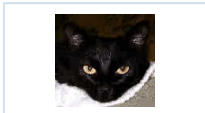
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