

PRESS RELEASE

Police appeal for man convicted of sexual offences

POLICE are appealing for help to trace a man who is wanted.

Michael Bennett, 60, formerly of Tensing Street, Oldham was on trial at Preston Crown Court for sexual offences but on 23 June he failed to attend court and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

The trial continued in his absence and he was convicted of two counts of child abduction and two counts of sexual assault against two 11 year old girls.

Police are asking members of the public to contact them if they see him or know of his whereabouts. He is described as bald, having a round face and a large build.



DC Marc Amstrong said:

“We have recent information to believe that Bennett has been in the Fleetwood and St Annes areas and he also has connections to Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham. We would urge him to hand himself into police and I would appeal to anyone who may have seen him or who knows of his whereabouts to contact police on 101.”

Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at Crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

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