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### **Robert Samuel Wheeland - Child Rapist Cop**

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For 16 years Robert Samuel Wheeland patrolled the streets of Haskell, Oklahoma as a police officer. A Muskogee County jury has now determined that for at least part of that time he was also a sexual predator, roaming the streets of Haskell, using his position of trust and authority to prey upon young girls.

This is the story of how one small town cop became a big time convict.

This sad tale started when the mother of the first of Wheeland's accusers took her 14-year-old daughter to the Haskell police station in October, 2005 for counseling. There the child met Wheeland and his relationship with the girl developed from there. Ultimately Wheeland repaid the mother's trust by sexually abusing her daughter after first befriending her and presenting himself as a mentor and confidant.

Just as the investigation into Wheeland's alleged crimes was getting into high gear, he was fired in February, 2006, by the Haskell Town Council when it was discovered he was under investigation for child sexual abuse. The prior year Wheeland had been investigated on similar allegations but those allegations were deemed unfounded. The Town Council fired Wheeland on the basis that he violated department policy when he took a young girl to his home. An act which he reportedly admitted.

By July, 2006 a second of Wheeland's alleged victims had come forward and investigators had sufficient evidence to obtain an arrest warrant for Wheeland. He was arrested at his Haskell home without incident. Shortly thereafter formal charges were filed.

The second alleged victim to come forward, a 15-year-old, revealed

to investigators that she had been involved in a sexual relationship with Wheeland during June of 2006 and that it had lasted for approximately 30 days. This while Wheeland was already under investigation for the rape and lewd molestation of the first victim and after he had been fired by the town of Haskell.

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