



City of Columbia Police Department



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City of Columbia Police Officer Assaulted, Suspect Wanted

Columbia Police Department is looking for James Fitzgerald Turner (DOB: 4/28/1984) for Assault and Battery with High/Aggravated Nature and Resisting Arrest.

A Columbia Police Officer responded to a domestic call at 98 Hillcrest Avenue on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 10:32 P.M., which involved James Turner and Sonita Turner (DOB: 4/5/1967), mother of James Turner. As the Officer conducted a search for weapons on Turner, he struck the Officer with his right elbow forcefully in the center of the face. Turner then fled on foot and in the process of pursuing Turner, the Officer fell. The Officer was transported to Palmetto Health Richland with a fractured jaw, multiple chipped teeth, lacerations to the chin and abrasions to the nose.

Columbia Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating Turner. If anyone has knowledge of his whereabouts, you are asked to call the Columbia Police Department at (803) 545-3500 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 559-TIPS.

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James Fitzgerald Turner

B/M/23

DOB: 04/28/1984

HT: 5'3", WT: 145 lbs.