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**Man arrested for Indecent Behavior with A Juvenile**



**James Mason**

On January 24th, 2023, Officers were contacted on reports of a sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl. Detectives with the Shreveport Police Sex Crimes Unit began an investigation into the allegations.

Through the findings of the investigation, detectives arrested James Mason (05/05/85) for one count of Indecent Behavior with A Juvenile on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Indecent Behavior with A Juvenile is defined as any lewd or lascivious act upon the person or in the presence of any child under the age of seventeen, where there is an age difference of greater than two years between the two persons. Lack of knowledge of the child's age shall not be a defense; or the transmission, delivery, or utterance of any textual, visual, written, or oral communication depicting lewd or lascivious conduct, text, words, or images to any person reasonably believed to be under the age of seventeen and reasonably believed to be at least two years younger than the offender. It shall not be a defense that the person who actually receives the transmission is not under the age of seventeen.

All persons are innocent until proven guilty.