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Man wanted for rape of a child



Claude Capers

On April 11th, 2023, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Claude Capers (01/9/97). Capers has been accused of sexually abusing a 5-year-old victim. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Capers for one count of 1st-degree rape.

First-degree rape is a rape committed upon a person sixty-five years of age or older or where the anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse is deemed to be without lawful consent of the victim because it is committed under any one or more of the following circumstances:

(1) When the victim resists the act to the utmost, but whose resistance is overcome by force. (2) When the victim is prevented from resisting the act by threats of great and immediate bodily harm, accompanied by apparent power of execution. (3) When the victim is prevented from resisting the act because the offender is armed with a dangerous weapon. (4) When the victim is under the age of thirteen years. Lack of knowledge of the victim's age shall not be a defense. (5) When two or more offenders participated in the act. (6) When the victim is prevented from resisting the act because the victim is a person with a disability.

If you have information on the whereabouts of these dangerous suspects, please contact Shreveport Police at 318-673-7300 #3. If you would like to supply information and stay anonymous contact Caddo Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373. Remember Crime Stoppers only wants your information, not your name.

Due to the laws issued in reference to mugshot releases in the state of Louisiana, we are required to remind that all suspects are innocent until proven guilty.