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Minden man jailed in alleged sex crimes against a juvenile



Suspect: Cleodis Bell

A Minden Louisiana man now sits behind bars following his arrest in connection with an ongoing investigation into allegations of sex crimes against a juvenile victim.

Cleodis Bell Jr, 68, of the 1200 block of Bayou Avenue in Minden, was arrested Friday afternoon by Shreveport Police Sex Crimes detectives after information gathered during their ongoing inquiry, led to him being named a suspect in the matter.

Back on June 15, 2016, Shreveport Police received a report of alleged sexual misconduct by a man who had repeated contact with the 15 year victim for a period of over a year. The allegations of misconduct accuse Bell of inappropriately touching the victim and asking the child for sexual favors. It is further alleged that Bell initiated electronic communication with the juvenile in which he again requested the teen engage in sex acts with him. Following his arrest, Bell was taken to Shreveport Police headquarters, where he was interviewed by detectives. Following subsequent interviews, Bell was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on charges of Molestation of a Juvenile, Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile, and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. Investigators are concerned there may be other victims who have yet to come forward and are urging any persons with information about this crime or others to contact police at (318) 673-6955.

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