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Local educator faces charges involving juvenile



Suspect Rickey Nickels

A local educator has been charged by Shreveport Police detectives after evidence of his alleged involvement in a sexual assault involving a juvenile victim was uncovered.

Back in early May, Shreveport Police were made aware of allegations a 16 year old female had reportedly been involved in a sexual relationship with a man who authorities learned worked as a Special Education teacher for Caddo Parish Schools and often refereed sporting events. The man was identified as 49 year old Rickey Nickels of the 6400 block of Joy Drive in Shreveport.

Based on information gathered during an ongoing investigation by Shreveport Police Sex Crimes detectives, it was learned Nickels allegedly paid money to a 16 year old female to engage in sexual acts with him on multiple occasions while at his residence. Police are concerned there could potentially be additional victims as Nickel's profession as a teacher and athletics referee often granted him access to young children. On May 26, police managed to make contact with Nickels at his Joy Drive home after obtaining a search warrant for the residence. Upon contact with Nickels, he was detained and transported to Shreveport Police headquarters for interviews with detectives. Following subsequent interviews, Nickels was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on charges of Felony Carnal Knowledge of a Juvenile, Felony Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile and Human Trafficking. As the investigation continues, authorities urge anyone with information on potential victims to contact Shreveport Police at (318) 673-6955.

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