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MEDIA RELEASE <u>UPDATE</u>

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Sexual Abuse – 3rd Degree Arrest

On December 9, 2022, Oldham County Police received a report of a male, posing as a female, approaching men in the parking lot of a gas station located on KY-22 in Oldham County. The caller described that a man dressed as a woman approached his vehicle with a map asking for directions. While the caller attempted to assist this person, they allegedly reached into the vehicle's open window and groped the caller's genitals. The man left the parking lot after the caller took issue with his actions.

Upon further investigation it was determined that at least three unreported incidents of an identical nature occurred in the area earlier in 2022. Using information obtained during the investigation, it was determined that the alleged perpetrator of these incidents was 57-year-old Michael Mascardo of Crestwood, KY.

Once it was determined that Mascardo was employed by Jefferson County Public Schools, officers notified JCPS officials to make them aware of the investigation.

Once sufficient evidence was obtained during the investigation, a criminal complaint was filed with the Court and an arrest warrant was authorized by Oldham District Court for 4 counts of Sexual Abuse -3^{rd} Degree (KRS 510.130).

On January 8, 2023, the Oldham County Sheriff's Office served the arrest warrant for Mascardo, and he was taken to the Oldham County Detention Center. He has since been released awaiting future court proceedings.

Upon further investigation, after the release of the photo of Mascardo, numerous other victims contacted Oldham County Police in reference to being victims of Mascardo. On January 13, 2023, a criminal complaint was filed with the Court and a second arrest warrant was authorized by Oldham District Court for 4 additional counts of Sexual Abuse – 3rd Degree (KRS 510.130). Other victims were referred to LMPD due to the criminal acts occurring in Louisville Metro.

The Oldham County Police Department asks that anyone who may have witnessed the above incidents, or may have been a victim of similar crimes, to contact us.

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