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NEWS RELEASE

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Adult Charged with Sex Offenses Involving a Minor

On Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at approximately 6:48 A.M., Officers with the Owensboro Police Department responded to the 900 Block of Graves Street in reference to a Suspicious Circumstances complaint. Officers located a male subject sleeping inside a vacant residence. Officers determined the male subject had traveled to Owensboro from Missouri to meet a female subject he had communicated with online. During the course of the officer's investigation, it was revealed the male suspect had engaged in multiple sexual acts with the female subject. Officers determined the female was 12 years old.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene. Detectives conducted interviews, obtained and executed a search warrant to collect evidence.

Detectives arrested, charged, and lodged Caleb Newell (18 years old of St. Joseph, Missouri) at the Daviess County Detention Center on the following charges:

- Sodomy 2nd Degree (11 Counts)
- Rape 2nd Degree (4 Counts)

In regards to the initial Suspicious Circumstances complaint, Newell was also charged by the Patrol Division with the following:

- Criminal Trespassing 1st Degree
- Giving Officer False Name

Anyone with additional information can call OPD at 270-687-8888, or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.