

Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Incarcerated Male Additionally Charged with Eight Counts of Child Pornography

Jazzpen Lee Leonard (DOB 5/27/1993) was arrested on May 28, 2019 for Domestic Battery, Criminal Mischief, and Sexual Battery. The Sexual Battery charge was later amended by the Office of the State Attorney to Unlawful Sexual Acts with Certain Minors. The victim was a pregnant sixteen-year-old child. Leonard is the father of the unborn child.

While incarcerated at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, Leonard was additionally charged with Violation of Injunction on three separate occasions after contacting a different victim not related to the above case. He has remained at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, serving a sentence for two of the three Violation of Injunction charges.

During the course of the investigation, detectives recovered nine video recordings from the juvenile victim's cell phone. The recordings clearly show the victim and Leonard engaged in sexual acts. Leonard is observed recording some of the videos himself.

On September 16, 2019, an arrest warrant was signed by Judge France for eight counts of Promoting Sexual Performance by a Child. The warrant was served to Leonard while he was still incarcerated in the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. The bond was set at \$120,000.

"Evidence shows that Leonard knew that the victim was underage," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "He completely took advantage of her and exploited her. I hope the courts take this case seriously and send him to prison for a long time."

Leonard has a lengthy arrest history in Flagler County dating back to his juvenile years. Previous arrests include Domestic Violence, Lewd Molestation on a Victim under 12 Years Old, Possession of Marijuana, Failure to Appear, Violation of Pretrial Release, False Imprisonment, Driving with a Suspended License, and Preventing the Use of Equipment to Extinguish a Fire.

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Original news release below.

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 Contact: Brittany Kershaw: (386) 586-2637: <u>bkershaw@flaglersheriff.com</u>

26-Year-Old Male Charged with Four Felonies against Pregnant Minor

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office arrested 26-year-old Jazzpen Lee Leonard early Wednesday morning after responding to a call for service regarding a pregnant 16-year-old female. Leonard is the father of the unborn child.



Booking photo for Jazzpen Lee Leonard.

Around 11:00 p.m. Tuesday evening deputies responded to the victim's home. It was reported to deputies that the victim had traveled to meet Leonard at his residence and shortly after arriving Leonard began yelling at the victim, grabbing her by the throat and face, shoved her to the ground, and then began striking her with her cell phone to prevent her from leaving. He then took her cell phone ultimately smashed it on the street. Deputies clearly observed red marks around the victim's neck and face.

Deputies located Leonard at his residence and took him into custody. He is being charged with Sexual Battery on a Victim 16-17 Years Old, Criminal Mischief over \$1,000.00, Aggravated Domestic Battery on a Pregnant Person, and Felony Battery. It was also discovered that Leonard is currently on probation for previous offenses and was additionally charged with Violation of Felony Probation. Leonard was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention where he is being held on a \$40,000.00 bond.

"This violent offender continues to escalate his crimes and needs to be sent off to prison for a very long

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time," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I'm glad our deputies were able to intervene before it ended with more serious injuries to the victim and her unborn child."

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