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Man Arrested for Molesting 15-year-old Child Pleads Guilty, Sentenced to Prison and Lifetime Sex Offender

On January 6, 2022, James Lee McIntire (DOB 10/31/1950) pled guilty to molesting a 15-year-old girl. The investigation against McIntire began in August 2020 after the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received information of the potential sex crimes against the victim who was living in his home for a five-month period. McIntire will be on Sex Offender Probation for 10 years following the completion of his state prison sentence and will be registered as a sex offender for the rest of his life.



During the months of June and November of 2019, the victim documented the times that McIntire touched her and offered her alcoholic beverages. She advised that he touched her inappropriately and kissed her on her mouth at least 13 times throughout the five-month period. McIntire admitted to the incidents during questioning on December 16, 2020.

On January 13, 2021, McIntire was arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Molestation and booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. He was released after posting \$50,000 bond. He was

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sentenced on January 6, 2022, to two years in state prison, followed by 10 years of Sex Offender Probation, and being a registered sex offender for the rest of his life.

“I’m very proud of our investigative team for building this case and getting this sick individual off the streets before he could hurt anyone else,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Anyone who preys on children belongs in prison, and I hope this sentence brings some closure to his victim and her family and a warning to other child predators. I want to thank our Major Case Unit for their dedication in gathering the evidence to make this conviction possible. Our warning to sex offenders is that if you prey on a child, we will get you and help put you in prison where you belong.”

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Man Arrested for Molesting 15-year-old Child

On August 28, 2020, the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) received information and began investigating a potential sex crime against a 15-year-old child that occurred between June and November of 2019 while she was living in the suspect’s house.

The victim kept a diary of the times that the suspect, 70-year-old James Lee McIntire (DOB 10/31/1950), touched her inappropriately and offered her alcoholic beverages. During a Child Protection interview, the victim told the coordinator that McIntire touched her on her buttocks, her breasts, and kissed her on the mouth on at least thirteen occasions over the course of three to four months. He also offered her alcoholic beverages on at least two occasions.

When the victim told her mother about what happened in November of 2019, her mother recalled the same type of behavior occurring to her twenty-seven years ago by McIntire when she was 14 years old. She did not believe that McIntire would treat her daughter in the same manner.

Detectives interviewed McIntire at his home on December 16, 2020. McIntire’s wife was also a part of the interview. Mrs. McIntire told detectives that the victim and her mother told her about the molestation in June of 2020 and when Mrs. McIntire confronted Mr. McIntire, he admitted it. Mr. McIntire told detectives that he remembered a couple of incidents that could be inappropriate but stated that he was not attracted to the victim in a sexual manner.

On January 13, 2021, a warrant was signed for McIntire’s arrest. Deputies immediately responded to his residence and took him into custody just after 1:43 p.m. on January 13. He was booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and released after posting a \$50,000.00 bond.

“Often these are difficult cases to make and I am very proud of our investigative team for building the case and arresting him before he could hurt this child any further,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “It is sickening that he would take advantage of this child while she was living in his house without her mother present. I hope this child is able to get the help she needs to recover as crimes like this can have lifelong effects.”

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