



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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## **Man Arrested for Sexual Battery of Two Minors**

Detectives of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office began investigating claims of a sex offense after a 15-year-old girl reported being sexually molested while at a sleepover in June of 2016. The investigation revealed that two 15-year-olds had been sexually molested or battered by the same defendant. One reported being a victim of the defendant for almost seven years.

A Flagler Sheriff's detective worked on the cases of the two minors for over a year. The detective conducted multiple interviews and sent a DNA analysis on the defendant and evidence collected at a scene to the FDLE lab. The DNA results came back over one year later matching the evidence to the defendant. The detective charged the defendant with the sexual offenses and Flagler County Judge Melissa Moore-Stens signed two warrants for his arrest with nationwide pick up.



Michael Craig Bowling, DOB 1/30/1971, in a Campbell County booking photo.

Michael Craig Bowling, DOB 1/30/1971, was arrested on the Flagler County warrants in Dayton, Kentucky, on December 8 and is being held at the Campbell County Detention Center with no bond. Bowling will be extradited to the Flagler County Detention Facility this week. He faces charges of three counts of sexual battery, three counts of lewd and lascivious conduct, lewd and lascivious battery on a child, lewd and lascivious exhibition in the presence of a child, and battery on a child.

"This type of behavior is sickening but I'm proud of the victims for coming forward and telling the truth before he could hurt others," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Our detectives did a great job on this case to ensure this child predator was taken into custody. I hope he goes to prison for the rest of his life."

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