



# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **UPDATE:**

Today, the LCSO Special Victims Unit issued five additional warrants for Roshad Thomas. The victims' age ranges during the time of the incidents were 11 to 15 years old. Thomas is being held in the Leon County Detention Facility on \$215,000 bond.

### **New Charges:**

Lewd and Lascivious Acts on Child Older than 12 (3)

Lewd and Lascivious Acts on Child Younger than 12 (1)

Lewd and Lascivious Exhibitionism on Child Older than 12 (1)

## **LCSO Special Victims Unit Arrests Suspect for Sex Acts with Children**

Yesterday, the LCSO Special Victims Unit arrested Roshad Thomas 41, a former youth pastor, for six counts of Sex Offense Against a Child 12- 16.

On July 11, SVU Detectives spoke with a victim who stated Thomas had "fondled" the victim approximately 10 years ago when the victim was 13. During the investigation, detectives located four additional victims. Each victim described individual sexual encounters with Thomas over the course of several years, from 2007 through 2014.

Thomas voluntarily came to the Sheriff's Office yesterday to speak with detectives. After the interview Thomas was arrested and taken to the Leon County Detention Facility without incident.

Detectives are continuing the investigation. If you have any information related to Thomas or this investigation please contact our Special Victims Unit at (850) 606-3400



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**ARRESTED:**



**Roshad S. Thomas 41 –**

Original Charges: Sex Offense against a child 12-16 (x6)



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