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LCSO and US Marshals Capture Atlanta Man Wanted for Kidnapping

After a yearlong search, a man is in custody for an incident that was reported to a Leon County Sheriff's Office deputy on July 22, 2022. The deputy was flagged down by a frantic 17-year-old female in the 9000 block of Woodville Highway. The victim told the deputy she was from Atlanta, GA and had just escaped from the vehicle she was being held captive in.

Detectives with LCSO's Violent Crimes Unit immediately responded to assume the investigation and discovered the juvenile's family reported her missing four days prior to this date.

The suspect was identified as 30-year-old Jermaine Lewis of Atlanta, GA. Deputies with LCSO and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office conducted an extensive search for Lewis at the time, however he was not located in the area.

LCSO detectives obtained an arrest warrant, and the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force adopted the case to continue the search for Lewis' arrest.

The Task Force obtained information that Lewis was in Tallahassee and its members located him on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at a business in the 1100 block of E. Lafayette Street. Lewis was arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility. He was booked on several charges related to this case in both Georgia and Florida.



NAME: Jermaine Lewis

DOB: 12/06/1992

LEON COUNTY CHARGES:

- Kidnapping To Facilitate Felony
- Sexual Assault, Victim 12–18-year-Old



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