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LCSO Arrests Man in Child Molestation Investigation

On February 23, 2021, the Leon County Sheriff's Office received information from the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) about a sexual battery. DCF advised an abuse hotline report detailed a juvenile minor was the victim of sexual battery and abuse by an adult, 36-year-old Gari Tookes.

Through investigative means, LCSO Violent Crimes detectives learned Tookes had criminal sexual contact with the victim for several years prior to the report. Detectives also learned Tookes had communicated through text messages about the sexual contact with the victim, which corroborated the victim's initial report.

Detectives obtained arrest warrants for Tookes.

On April 29, Tookes was arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.



ARRESTED: Gari Tookes

DOB: 1/6/85

CHARGES: Sexual Battery

Lewd or Lascivious Battery

Lewd or Lascivious Molestation



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