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Sexual Assault Involving a Juvenile

Charleston, WV- A 38-year-old male from Charleston was arrested on November 11th, 2023, for sexual abuse after detectives secured DNA evidence in the case dating back to 2021.

Detective J.R. Coleman began his investigation in July 2021, after the victim, who was only 16 years old at the time, had gone to CAMC Women's and Children's Hospital with a complaint of being sexually abused.

The juvenile identified Brandon Adkins as her attacker. Adkins was the girl's adopted mother's boyfriend at the time and was 36 years old when the incident occurred. The 16-year-old girl was in the care of Brandon Adkins the night of the attack.

In early 2022, The West Virginia State Police Crime Lab notified Detective Coleman that DNA was found on the evidence that was collected from the victim. The crime lab further requested that a DNA sample be collected for comparison from Mr. Adkins.

Mr. Adkins managed to avoid law enforcement for over a year until he found himself incarcerated at South Central Regional Jail on an unrelated charge. While at the jail, detectives executed a search warrant for Mr. Adkins' DNA and the West Virginia State Police Crime Lab has since confirmed that the DNA is a match to the DNA evidence originally collected from the victim.

An arrest warrant was signed for one felony count of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, custodian, or person of trust to a child, and Mr. Adkins was arrested. He is in South Central Regional Jail with a \$15,000.00 cash bond. As always, Mr. Adkins is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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