

Dickinson Police

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Re: Sexual Assault of Child / Indecency with a Child

On October 26, 2006, the Dickinson Police Department arrested Michael Edward Walmsley, 50 year old male, at his residence in the 5600 block of Commodore Drive. Walmsley was charged with three counts of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child. Bond was set at \$150,000.00 for each charge and Walmsley remained in jail on a total bond of \$750,000.00.

In December of 2005, detectives began investigating allegations of Walmsley being sexually involved with 14 year old female. Detectives did not have enough evidence at the time of the initial report to file charges and the case remained under investigation. Within the last month a second victim, a 15 year old female, came forward and disclosed to detectives that she had been sexually assaulted by Walmsley. Detectives were able to investigate both cases simultaneously and gathered enough evidence to take the cases to the Galveston County District Attorney Office and request arrest warrants for Walmsley. Warrants were issued out of Galveston County Justice of the Peace Court 8-1 late Wednesday afternoon and Walmsley was arrested at his residence early Thursday morning without incident.

Detectives are continuing to follow up information from the investigations to determine the possibility of any other victims.

Walmsley was previously convicted of indecency with a child in 1986. Walmsley however, was not required to register as a sex offender because he was convicted and released from supervision prior to 1997.

Sexual assault of a child is a second degree felony punishable by two to twenty years and/or a \$10,000.00 fine.

Indecency with a child is a second degree felony punishable by two to twenty years and/or a \$10,000.00 fine.