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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: November 13, 2023
Prepared By: Chief Antoine Sheppard
Release Number: 2023-004
Incident Number: CR 23000721
Incident Date: November 11, 2023
Incident Time: N/A
Incident Location: 18300 NW 234th St- High Springs, FL

OFFENDER

Joshua Terrell



Child Sex Offense Arrest

On the listed date and time, the High Springs Police Department responded to the address as mentioned above - the victim, a seventeen-year-old minor, reported that her roommate, JOSHUA TERRELL (a twenty-eight YOA male subject), had made written threats towards her and the victim's sister. These threats were inclusive of a diary with detailed plans on how to carry out these acts of murder.

Upon further review, it was discovered that the minor had engaged in sexual contact with TERRELL and had resided with TERRELL for a month. Prior to the alleged offense, the victim's father traveled to High Springs and dropped his daughter off at the offender's residence but thought that TERRELL was younger based on false information given to him by his daughter. **(Florida law states that minors who are 16 or 17 years old can consent to sexual activity with someone no more than 23 years old.)**

JOSHUA TERRELL, of High Springs, was placed under arrest and booked into the Alachua County Sheriff's Office - Department of the Jail on the charges of:

- Unlawful Sexual Activity with a Minor
- Written Threats to Kill or Injure

This investigation is ongoing; HSPD is seeking other witnesses and victims. TERRELL has pending sex-related charges in Lake County, Florida.

Anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to contact HSPD Detective Tracy Taylor at ttaylor@highsprings.gov or (352) 955-1818.



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