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Benton County Man Arrested for Sex Abuse; Detectives Believe There May Be More Victims

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Detectives from the Benton County Sheriff's Office and the Corvallis Police Department have been working simultaneously on investigations related to 64-year-old Lawrence John Lemaster Sr., of Corvallis.

These investigations began in April 2021, after information surfaced that Lemaster committed sexual abuse to two unrelated minor children. During the course of this investigation, detectives developed probable cause for his arrest.

On August 20, 2021, at about 5:00 pm, deputies located and arrested Lemaster at his home in Corvallis on confirmed Benton County Circuit Court warrants for two counts of Sodomy I, 16 counts of Sex Abuse I, and two counts of Unlawful Sexual Penetration II.

Lemaster was lodged at the Benton County Jail and was released the same day, after posting bail.

The Sheriff's Office believes Lemaster may have other victims that have not made reports to law enforcement. Detectives would like to hear from anyone with information about Lemaster, regardless of the length of time it has been. Contact the Benton County Sheriff's Office tip line at 541-753-TIPS (8477) or email bentoncosheriff@co.benton.or.us.

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