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# ARREST RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**            **05/23/13 4:03 PM**

**Bureau:**                    **Investigative Services Bureau**

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Lt. Marc Welsh**

**Phone:**                    **(815)967-6976**

**Incident:**                    **Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault arrest**

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### MESSAGE

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, members of the Rockford Police Department began an investigation into the Criminal Sexual Assault of a child. Rockford Police Detectives conducted follow up investigation into the incident.

The facts of the investigation were reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. The following charges were authorized:

**Jeffrey D. Lawson, 55 years of age, Rockford, Illinois**  
**Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault (3 counts)**  
**Criminal Sexual Assault (2 counts)**

An arrest warrant was obtained for Lawson by Rockford Police Detectives. The bond was set at \$500,000.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 around 3:00 PM, Rockford Police Detectives arrested Lawson on the arrest warrant in downtown Rockford.

The charges against Lawson are merely accusations. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

A photograph of Lawson is attached to this media release.

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