

Former constable arrested, charged with sex-related crimes against child

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James Shedd

The Walker County Sheriff's Office announced Tuesday that a former constable was arrested Friday for sex-related crimes against a child.

Brian Keeton, an investigator with the Walker County Sheriff's Office's Sex Crimes Division, said James William Shedd, 42, of Carbon Hill, was initially arrested on two counts of second-degree rape, two counts of enticing a child for immoral purposes and two counts of soliciting prostitution.

"Additional charges were file against Mr. Shedd on Tuesday for second-degree rape, enticing a child for immoral purposes and soliciting prostitution," Keeton said.

Shedd is a former constable and was arrested Friday following an investigation by Carbon Hill police and the Walker County Sheriff's Office.

Keeton said the Carbon Hill Police Department received information about two weeks ago regarding Shedd and the alleged crimes.

"During a follow-up conducted by Carbon Hill Police Chief Jason Richardson, Sgt. Johnathan Yerby and Officer Jordan Roberts, it was discovered the case actually involved alleged sex crimes against several minors, so they notified the sheriff's office," Keeton said. "And following an investigation conducted by the sheriff's office in conjunction with the Carbon Hill Police Department, arrest warrants were issued for Mr. Shedd."

Keeton said the case was still an ongoing investigation, and following his arrest, Shedd was placed in the Walker County Jail on property bonds totaling \$147,000.

"The Carbon Hill Police Department did a really good job following up on the information they received concerning Shedd," Keeton said, "but we fear there may be other victims who haven't come forward. We're asking and hoping when they see this, they will contact the Walker County Sheriff's Office or the Carbon Hill Police Department."

Victims should call the Walker County Sheriff's Office at 205-302-6464 or Carbon Hill police at 205-924-4411.