

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER AND FOSTER PARENT ARRESTED

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a convicted sex offender on charges of **First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor**.

Wayne Atkinson, 56, of 84 Robin Lane, Mayesville, S.C., is accused of holding a gun to a 9-year-old alleged victim's head and making her perform sex acts on him on or about July 24, 2008 to August 18, 2008.

The allegations stem from an incident that happened in a bedroom in Atkinson's home.

He is also accused of threatening the child not to disclose information about the alleged crime.

Atkinson was a former Lee County Sheriff's Deputy.

This investigation was started at the request of the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

According to an affidavit, Shirley Jackson, 51, of 2661 Tindal Road, Sumter, S.C. is believed to be Atkinson's girlfriend and the alleged victim's foster parent.

Jackson has been charged with **Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child**.

It is alleged that Jackson would drive the child to Atkinson's home.

For information on Atkinson's prior employment and sex offender conviction, please contact the Lee County Sheriff's Department at (803) 484-5353.

For a booking photographs please contact the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center at (803) 436-2411.

