

Three major arrests made in Geneva County

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Editor

Law enforcement throughout Geneva County made three major arrests last week, including felony charges of sexual abuse and assault.

Capt. Ricky Morgan of the Geneva Police Department reports that on Friday the Geneva Police Department Criminal Investigation Division arrested William Lloyd Cotton, 39, from Geneva and charged him

with sexual abuse 1st and three counts of possession of child pornography.

Morgan said that the investigation involved a female juvenile who alleged that she had been abused by Cotton for the past year. The victim made the



Cotton

allegations to GPD on Thursday, and officers immediately obtains search warrants for Cotton's residence on Holt Street.

While conducting a search of Cotton's computers, images of child porn were found. Cotton was placed in the Geneva County Jail with no bond until his first appearance before a judge.

Morgan said that the Geneva Police Department was assisted by the Alabama Law

Enforcement Agency. "The specialized training that the A.L.E.A. Agents have was very instrumental in closing this case in a very timely manner," Morgan said. He also said that further charges are pending.

•**One arrested following stabbing:** Samson Police Department Investigator Jimmy Hill reports that on June 13 at 11:34 p.m. Samson officers

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received a call to South Line Street about a stabbing that occurred.

"Officers arrived on scene at 11:36 p.m. and found Jackson Lee Sappington was stabbed in the back under the arm pit area and bleeding profusely," Hill said. "A rescue squad member arrived on scene by private vehicle and applied a pressure dressing to the wound and notified dispatch for a helicopter."

Sappington was airlifted from Samson Airport to South Alabama Medical Center and was treated for life-threatening injuries.

"The suspect, Christina Garrett of South Line Street, was transported to Wiregrass Medical Center with a cut to the throat which was superficial and by her admission was self inflicted," Hill said.

Hill said that from witness accounts Garrett was not in a threatening

situation when the stabbing occurred. Garrett was treated and released and then arrested for domestic violence 1st and transported to the Geneva County Jail. Sappington and Garrett had been in a relationship for approximately five months, Hill said.

•**Montgomery juvenile charged as an adult:** A Montgomery juvenile is charged as an adult with assault first following a wreck that left a Hartford woman seriously injured.

Sheriff Tony Helms said that Pierson McKinney Anthony, a resident of West Florida Teen Challenge in Holmes County, was charged as an adult after an accident on May 21. A two-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 167 at County Road 16 sent Kera Kinman of Hart-

ford to a Dothan Hospital with critical injuries.

Kinman was driving north on Hwy. 167 when she was hit head-on by a van carrying Anthony back to Teen Challenge after he was allowed to visit Montgomery on a family emergency. Anthony allegedly caused the accident and is being held in Geneva County Jail.

Kinman's baby daughter was protected by her child safety seat and suffered only minor injuries.



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