



## **UPDATE- Kentwood Man Arrested in Internet Sex Crimes Task Force Operation**

**KENTWOOD (*December 1, 2025*)-** More than 30 new charges have been filed in an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force case against a Kentwood man.

Michael Helton, 44, is now facing an additional 23 counts of Sexual Abuse of an Animal as well as ten counts of Pornography Involving Juveniles. He was originally booked in October on seven counts of Pornography Involving Juveniles Under the Age of 13.

Back in August, the TPSO ICAC Unit started investigating the uploading of Child Sexual Assault Material (CSAM) on a social media app. Detectives determined Helton was the individual publishing the content and obtained a warrant for his arrest.

At the end of October, Helton was taken into custody. Following extensive analysis of the multiple devices discovered, these additional charges have been included.

This activity is part of TPSO's partnership with Attorney General Liz Murrill's Office and their ICAC Task Force which includes a collaboration with numerous local law enforcement agencies.

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