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## ***New Charges in Sexual Assault Investigation***

**Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, 11/15/23, Michelle Blessent was indicted on three new counts. Blessent has been in custody at the McLean County Detention Facility since the arrest on 4/12/23, related to the charges involving the first victim in this investigation. On 11/16/23, Blessent was served with the new warrant related to the latest indictment.**

**Blessent's new charges are:**

- **Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Victim Under 13**
- **Grooming**
- **Exploitation of a Child Less Than 17**

**Blessent's original charges for the first victim are:**

- **Five counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Victim Under 13**

**Anyone with information on these incidents should contact Detective C. Maas at 309-434-2534 or [cmaas@cityblm.org](mailto:cmaas@cityblm.org).**

**Blessent remains in custody at the McLean County Detention Facility. All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.**

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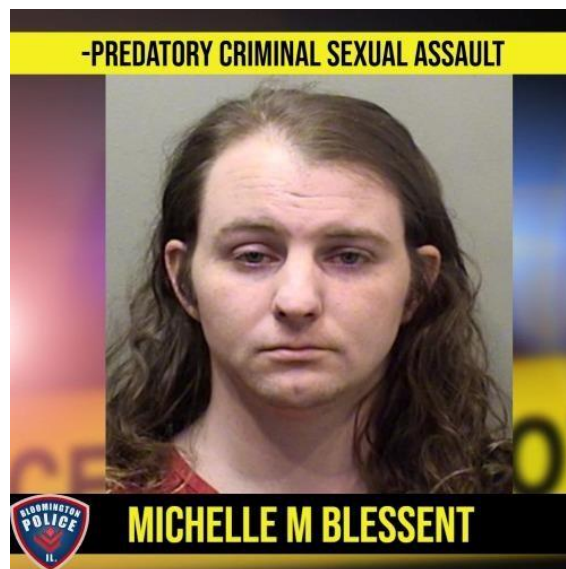
## ***Indicted for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault***

**Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, 04/12/23, after a lengthy investigation by the Bloomington Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Michelle Blessent, was indicted on five counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault.**

**After being indicted, a \$1,000,000.00 bond warrant was issued for Blessent.**

**Members of the Bloomington Police Department's Street Crimes Unit (SCU), located and arrested Blessent without incident.**

**ARRESTED: Michelle Blessent 33 years old, Bloomington IL.**



**The circumstances behind this incident are still pending investigation by the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with information should contact Bloomington Police Detective C. Maas at 309-434-2534 or [cmaas@cityblm.org](mailto:cmaas@cityblm.org).**

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If you wish to submit a tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963, you can also send anonymous tips via your smartphone by texting the number 847411 and the word "BPD TIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information, or email CIAU@cityblm.org.

The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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