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Press Release

On December 19, 2014 Bates County Deputies responded to a domestic in progress at the residence of Clinton Knapp in rural Bates County. Clinton Knapp was arrested for domestic assault and transported to the Bates County jail.

A short time after his arrest a new crime was divulged of a more deviant nature. Provided with this new information, the Bates County Detective Division opened a new case that involved the sexual abuse of a child who was under the age of fourteen years old. Due to the grievous nature of this case of and the involvement of the juvenile victim there is a limited amount of information the Sheriff's Office can provide to the public about this case.

On February 26, 2015 the Bates County Prosecutor issued a warrant for Clinton Knapp for 50 counts of sexually related crimes to include the following offenses:

Multiple counts of Statutory Sodomy in the 1st degree sex with a child under 14.

Multiple counts of Statutory rape in the 1st degree of a child under 14.

Multiple counts of endangering the welfare of child in the 1st degree.

Knapp has been incarcerated since his arrest in December 2014. Bond on the new charges was set at \$250,000 cash only. Knapp is currently being held at the Bates County Jail.

