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## **Media Notice**

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### **Update 1**

On May 30, 2014 the Jasper County Circuit Court filed charges of Statutory Sodomy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Furnishing Pornographic Material to a Minor, and Statutory Rape 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on Jessica Low.

The bond for these charges was set at \$7,500.00 and she remains in custody at this time. The added charge of Statutory Rape 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree is as a result of a forensic interview that was conducted with both juvenile victims at the Children's Center. One juvenile victim indicated that Ms. Low followed him home from school and they had sexual intercourse at his residence.

We do not believe at this time that either of the sexual acts that were performed on the juvenile occurred during school hours nor did they occur on school property. The Investigations Bureau is continuing to follow up on leads with this case.

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Officers with the Southwest Missouri Cyber Crime Task Force received a tip that a Joplin school teacher was sending inappropriate photographs to students.

The Cyber Crimes Task Force began an investigation which lead to the arrest of Jessica Low, 32 years of age from Joplin. Ms. Low was arrested yesterday, May 28, 2014, at 3:50 PM at the Joplin Highschool 9-10 center which is located at 310 W. 8<sup>th</sup>.



At this time Low is being held in the Joplin Municipal Jail on probable cause charges of Statutory Sodomy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Furnishing Pornography to a Minor. Charges have been forwarded to the Jasper County Prosecutor for review.

The investigation is ongoing and two male juvenile victims are being interviewed today at the Children's Center.

Further information will be released as it becomes available.

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