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## Arrest in 2018 sexual assault of minor

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – A medical doctor and former substitute teacher in the Charleston region was arrested Wednesday, May 4, 2022, in connection with a 2018 sexual assault of a teenager that was investigated by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

The U.S. Marshals Service arrested Robert Dewayne Williams in Jefferson County, Ala., on a charge of second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor 11 to 14 years of age. Williams, 37, awaits extradition to Charleston County.

Detectives opened an investigation on April 4, 2022, after the victim came to the Sheriff's Office to report the May 2018 sexual assault. In 2018, Williams had been tutoring the victim, a 14-year-old boy, after they met while Williams was substitute teaching at the teenager's high school. The victim, now 18, told deputies that he was assaulted by Williams after they had watched a movie together in a theater. The allegations are further detailed in the arrest affidavit and incident report, which are available upon request to <u>aknapp@charlestoncounty.org</u>.

During their investigation, detectives gathered information showing Williams had served as a substitute teacher from 2017 to 2018 at various elementary, middle and high schools throughout Charleston County and in Berkeley County. At the time, he was a medical student at the Medical University of South Carolina, the investigation showed. Before his arrest, Williams was working as a pediatrics resident at a hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Anyone with information about Williams that could be pertinent to the investigation can call the Sheriff's Office at 843-743-7200 and ask to be connected to a detective.

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## UPDATE May 12, 2022

Williams was extradited from Alabama and transported by CCSO deputies to the Al Cannon Detention Center, where he was booked Wednesday night. He is expected to have a bond hearing at 10 a.m. today.

Charge information and booking photos of Detention Center residents can be found via the online search function at <u>https://inmatesearch.charlestoncounty.org/</u>. To include those who have been released, make sure the "show past bookings" box is checked.

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