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**OCSO CHARGES CRESTVIEW MAN WITH  
SEXUAL BATTERY ON A CHILD UNDER TWELVE**



Thomas Christopher Laggett

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Crestview man on charges of sexually molesting a three-year old child on at least two occasions between the fall of 2005 and spring 2006.

49-year old Thomas Christopher Laggett was charged January 7<sup>th</sup> with sexual battery on a victim under the age of twelve and lewd or lascivious conduct on a person under the age of sixteen.

Investigator Ralph Garrett says Laggett would give the child a bath and then squirt water up the victim's nose with an ear syringe for some reason. He would then molest the child on a bed.

The victim says Laggett said to keep his actions a secret because he didn't want his dogs to stay by themselves.

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