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Media Fact Sheet

Date: December 12, 2025

Location: U.S. 27 & Interstate 469

Time: 14:35 hours

Details/Summary:

On December 12, 2025, Detectives with the Fort Wayne Police Department made an arrest in reference to a cold case Rape investigation from 2008. At the time of the Crime, the identity of the suspect was unknown. Earlier this year, the Fort Wayne Police Department received a DNA hit from the Combined DNA Index System, or "CODIS" pertaining to the investigation. After additional follow up by the FWPD Crimes Against Persons Unit and Crime Scene technicians, the suspect's identity was confirmed as Brad Battershell.

Through a combined effort from the FWPD's Crimes Against Persons Unit and Vice & Narcotics Division, Investigators successfully located Battershell and he was taken into custody. He was transported to the Allen County Jail. Detective Kim Seiss of the Crimes Against Persons Unit (CAPS) was assigned to the investigation.

Suspect Arrested: Brad A. Battershell, 55 years old.

Preliminary Charges: two (2) count of Rape. Class A felony, three (3) counts of Criminal Deviate Conduct, Class B Felony, and one (1) count of Sexual Battery, Class D Felony.

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