



# CITY OF FORT WAYNE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Date:** January 9, 2025

**Location:** 1400 E. Lewis St., Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Time:** 12:39 P.M.

### Details/Summary:

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, Officers with the Fort Wayne Police Department began an investigation after a report of a Child Molestation. Officers learned the suspect, Breon Russell, was alleged to have touched a six-year-old girl in an inappropriate manner. Detective Michelle Brown with the Crimes Against Persons Unit was assigned to the case. During the investigation, investigators learned of a second child that the suspect was alleged to have touched in an inappropriate manner.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, through a combined effort from the FWPD's Crimes Against Persons Unit, Gang & Violent Crimes Unit and Vice & Narcotics Division, Investigators successfully located Russell and he was taken into custody. He was transported to the Allen County Jail.

**Suspect Arrested:** Breon Russell, 25 years old.

**Preliminary Charges:** one (1) count of Child Molesting (Attempt) Level 1 Felony, one (1) Count of Child Molesting, Level 2 Felony, one (1) Count of Child Molesting, Level 3 Felony, one (1) count of Child Exploitation, Level 4 Felony & one (1) count of Possession of Child Pornography, Level 4 Felony.

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