



SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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BENTON, MISSOURI - An investigation into child welfare has lead to the arrest of a Scott County man, according to Scott County Sheriff Rick Walter.

Walter said investigators were dispatched to an address in rural Scott County to assist the Scott County Children's Division. While there, investigators learned of possible sexual contact between a child and an adult both living in the household. Walter said his investigator took the child into protective custody and contacted the Semo Network Against Sexual Violence in Cape Girardeau to set up an interview of the child. Based on the result of the interview it was determined there was enough probable cause to arrest the suspect Ronald L. Parkhurst Jr. 32.

The investigation revealed that Parkhurst was allegedly responsible for numerous inappropriate incidents during the past two months.

Scott County Prosecuting attorney Paul Boyd has charged Parkhurst with 10 counts of Statutory Sodomy in the 1st degree with a person less than 14 years old.

Parkhurst remains in custody, bond set at \$150,000.00 cash only.