



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: December 20, 2022

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 12:00 p.m.

CASE NUMBER: PPPD22OFF076099

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Lewd & Lascivious Molestation, ARREST

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: December 13, 2022

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 500 NW 209th Avenue, Pembroke Pines; West Broward High School

SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) John Harrison Smith; 53-years-old; DOB 12/26/1968; Black Male; 18170 NW 18th Street, Pembroke Pines FL 33029

VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) 14-year-old Female

2) 15-year-old Female

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On December 13, 2022, members of the Pembroke Pines Police Department were contacted by Broward County Public Schools' Special Investigative Unit, and advised of an on-going investigation regarding an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Aide employed at West Broward High School.

The suspect, 53-year-old John Harrison Smith, was observed by separate witnesses inappropriately touching a 14-year-old ESE student & a 15-year-old ESE student under his care. Both students have mental disabilities, as well as verbal delays.

Following a thorough investigation by our Special Victims' Unit, John Harrison Smith was taken into custody on December 20th, 2022 on three counts of Lewd & Lascivious Molestation of a

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to tips@ppines.com, or call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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Victim Under the Age of 16, two counts of Lewd & Lascivious Conduct by an Authority Figure, and two counts of Lewd & Lascivious Conduct.

Anyone with information regarding potential additional victims of John Harrison Smith is asked to please contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200.