

City of Gulfport News Release

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Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:

Case #: 10-024819

On August 10, 2010, the Gulfport Police Department arrested 21 year old black male Thomas Ashley, III of Gulfport and charged him with three counts of molestation and three counts of sexual battery.

The arrest stems from an investigation initiated on July 08, 2010, where the victim's parent advised that Ashley had molested and sexually assaulted her three sons, ages, 5, 12, and 13 since 2005. Ashley is the cousin of the victims. Arrest warrants were obtained for Ashley who was subsequently arrested.

Ashley was incarcerated at the Harrison County Adult Detention Center in lieu of a \$150,000.00 bond set by Harrison County Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray.



Thomas Ashley, III