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Illinois State Police Arrests Bradley Man for Multiple Sex Crimes and Seeks the Public's Help with Identifying More Potential Victims

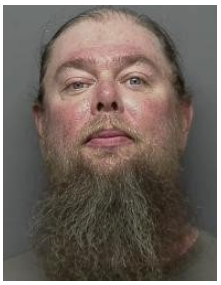
BRADLEY – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 5 Special Agents arrested 46-year-old Michael L. Wiggins of Bradley, IL after an extensive sexual assault investigation.

In June 2026, ISP was notified by a sexual assault response team of multiple, now-adult victims who alleged that Wiggins sexually assaulted them as juveniles.

After an extensive investigation, ISP presented the case to the Illinois State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor. On October 26, 2026, an arrest warrant was obtained for 26 charges against Wiggins, including multiple counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child (Class X Felony), Criminal Sexual Assault (Class 1 Felony), and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse (Class 2 Felony).

On October 28, 2026, ISP Special Agents, assisted by the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group and the Bradley Police Department, executed the warrants at Wiggins' residence in the 500 block of S. Blaine Ave. in Bradley, where he was taken into custody without incident. Wiggins was transported to the Iroquois County Jail where he remains in custody pending his first court appearance.

During the investigation, Special Agents discovered evidence that indicate there are possibly other victims that have not yet been identified. These crimes potentially occurred in the Kankakee, Watseka, Champaign, or Decatur areas of Illinois. ISP is urging potential victims who may have been targeted by Wiggins or anyone who may have additional information to please contact ISP Zone 5 Special Agents at (217) 278-5000 or email at ISP.ZONE5COMMANDER@Illinois.Gov. Witnesses can remain anonymous.



Michael L. Wiggins (M/46)

The charges against the defendant are not evidence, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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