



## **Racine Police Department**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Date: October 28, 2021

No: 21-27

**Subject:** Sexual Assault of Children Investigation



ARRESTED: James A. Wicht 51 years old of Pewaukee, WI

- -1st degree sexual assault of a child 4 counts
- -child abuse-intentionally cause harm 2 counts
- -child sexual exploitation- videos, records

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department assisted the Racine Police Department with the execution of a search warrant in Pewaukee, WI. The investigation resulted in the arrest of James Wicht for multiple charges involving sexual assault of a child. Wicht

allegedly used the guise of illegitimate physical exams to gain access to the victims. Investigators believe Wicht assaulted multiple children dating back many years. The Racine Police Department and Waukesha County Sheriff's Department are looking to identify and speak to possible victims. If you or someone you know has had a similar contact with Wicht please contact Racine Police Investigator Melissa Diener at 262-635-7764, Waukesha County Detective Aaron Hoppe at 262-896-8143, or Waukesha County Detective Mark Conrad at 262-691-6038.

Those who wish to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers by phone at (262) 636-9330, or through the Crime Stoppers app by using the p3 app.

All media inquiries regarding this incident should be directed to my attention at (262) 635-7772.

Lt. Chad Melby Public Information Officer