



# MEDIA RELEASE

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### **UPDATE: Ames Police File Additional Charges in Ongoing Investigation**

Ames Police received a report from a concerned citizen regarding potential child sexual abuse. Detectives from the Ames Police Department executed search warrants at the residence and businesses of Carl D. Markley, age 44, of Ames, IA. After an extensive investigation, Markley has been arrested and charged with the following:

- Sexual Exploitation of a Minor-Cause to Engage in Act, a class C felony, Iowa Code section 728.12(1)

**UPDATE:** Ames Police have continued conducting an extensive investigation into Carl D. Markley, age 44, of Ames, IA. After further investigation, Markley was arrested at 2:02 p.m. today, May 1, 2023, and charged with the following:

- Human Trafficking, a Class D felony, Iowa Code section 710A.2(1)
- Pimping, a Class D felony, Iowa Code section 725.2(1), 2 counts
- Prostitution, an aggravated misdemeanor, Iowa Code section 725.1(2)(A), 2 counts

The Ames Police Department continues to investigate. As a reminder, there are resources available in our community to help support victims of sexual abuse. ACCESS provides free and confidential support to victims. The Sexual Assault Crisis Line has specially trained advocates available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 515-292-5378.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call Ames Police Sergeant Blake Marshall with the Criminal Investigations Division at 515-239-5230 or Detective Brook McPherson at 515-239-5313. Information can also be brought forward through the anonymous tip line **515-239-5533**. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at 515-223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to [www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com](http://www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com).

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Sergeant Amber Christian, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5134 or (515) 239-5133.

**A criminal charge is merely an accusation, and defendant(s) are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

