



# Lafourche Parish District Attorney's Office IN THE NEWS

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THIBODAUX – A Thibodaux man formerly employed by the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office pled guilty to a charge of indecent behavior with a juvenile prior to his scheduled jury trial.

Trent Barrilleaux, 31, was charged with the sexual battery of a juvenile in January of 2016. A felony jury trial was scheduled to begin Monday, June 26 before the defendant agreed to plead guilty.

"We always take these cases so seriously, and the paramount consideration for us is always the well-being of the victim," said Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Richard, who handled the case throughout its prosecution, from the initial screening and charging decision through the plea rendered today.

"This was a very sensitive case, and after full and lengthy discussions with our victim and her family, together we decided that this was the best possible resolution. They (the victim and her family) wished to conclude this matter without a trial, and we were able to accomplish that through this plea and sentence."

Barrilleaux was sentenced to seven years in prison which was suspended, and placed on five years of supervised probation. He will pay a fine of \$3,000 plus court costs, and will be required to perform 240 hours of community service work. Barrilleaux will further be required to register as a sex offender for fifteen years, and to undergo sexual offender counselling. During the duration of his counselling, he is to have no contact with non house-hold children under the age of 18, nor can he have any contact with the victim in this matter during the period of his probation.

"We always stand with the victims of crimes, particularly sexual offenses," said District Attorney Camille A. Morvant, II. "Any resolution of a case prior to the trial requires that our victims and their families not only understand the plea arrangement, but that they be

satisfied with the sentence, since they will be living with the consequences long after they leave the courtroom. In this case, that goal was met, and so we were willing to resolve this case with a plea.”