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**Subject:** PRESS RELEASE - ALLEN LEE FORD

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### Bedford County Man Arrested for Child Sexual Assault

On 10/01/2009, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office was contacted by investigators from Ashland, VA Police Department and the Campbell County Sheriff's Office regarding a possible child sexual exploitation case. According to investigators from Ashland P.D., a suspect identified as Allen Lee Ford (DOB 10/03/1946) sexually assaulted a juvenile on multiple occasions in Ashland, Virginia prior to 1999. This juvenile, now an adult, disclosed the sexual assault to a mandated reporter, who reported the incident to the Ashland Police Department. Ford, who lives in the 100 block of Spring Lake Road, Forest, Virginia has resided in Bedford County since 1999. Subsequent investigation by investigators with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (SOVA-ICAC) and Ashland Police Department identified four additional victims who were sexually assaulted by Ford in years preceding 2000. One of the assaults is alleged to have occurred in Ford's home in Bedford County in the spring of 1999.

Ford was arrested and charged with one count of Aggravated Sexual Battery of a Child under the age of 12, and additional charges are pending. He is currently being held in the Blue Ridge Regional Jail without bond. Anyone with additional information regarding this case is encouraged to call the Bedford County Sheriff's Office at 540-586-7827.

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