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Police announce arrests in unrelated pair of sex crimes

Following a two-year investigation, the Pratt Police Department announces the arrest and extradition of Andrew P. Thornton II (33), Washington Courthouse, OH. Thornton is accused of child sex crimes involving a fifteen-year-old and a six-year-old in 2016. Thornton is being held in the Pratt County Jail in lieu of a \$250,000.00 bond.

In an unrelated case, after receiving a report alleging the sexual assault of an 18-year-old female at a residence in Pratt, Police arrested 19-year-old Carlos A. Rodriguez, Pratt. The case has been presented to the Pratt County Attorney's Office, and Rodriguez has been released on a \$50,000.00 bond and is awaiting a first appearance in Court.

Both investigations are ongoing, and no other information will be released except through the Pratt County Attorney's Office.

(Persons arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty by a Court of law.)

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