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Pratt man arrested on child sex crimes

The Pratt Police Department announces the arrest of a sixty-two-year-old Pratt man on charges relating to the sexual assault of a child < 14 years of age. Detectives of the Pratt Police Department arrested Larry D. Beireis on 05/03/2022 following an investigation into allegations that a child had been sexually assaulted. At the time of this press release, bond has been set at \$500,000.00 cash or commercial surety.

This arrest and investigation are unrelated to the arrest of Kristopher Vanzandt, announced on 04/27/2022. The investigation is ongoing, and no other information will be released except through the Pratt County Attorney's Office.

The Police Department would like to remind everyone that persons taken into custody are presumed innocent until proven guilty by the Courts.

CASE NO: 2022-2338