



# Sheriff Steve Stovall

Stephenson County Sheriff's Office

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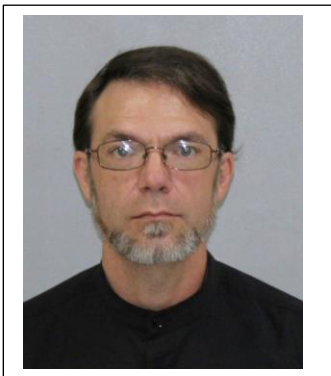
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## FELONY ARREST WARRANT SERVED

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division executed a search warrant at a residence in the 1000 block of S. Logan Street in Lena Illinois as part of an investigation that was initiated on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. While the search warrant was being executed, Matthew Kaufman, age 43, of Lena, was detained without incident at a different location in Freeport. Following a review of the case by the Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office, an arrest warrant was obtained for Matthew Kaufman for three (3) counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child and one (1) count of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, all of which are alleged to have occurred in 2016 and involve a victim who was under age 13.

Matthew Kaufman is currently being held without bail at the Stephenson County Jail. The investigation remains active and additional criminal charges are possible.

The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Village of Lena Police Department, Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation (Zone 2), and the Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office for their assistance with this investigation.



**ACCUSED:** Matthew W. Kaufman  
**AGE:** 43  
**CITY/STATE OF RESIDENCE:** Lena, IL

**Warrant# 23CF249**  
Counts 1-3: Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child  
Count 4: Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse

Bond: NONE

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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