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PRESS RELEASE

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Covington Police Department arrests former teacher Alissa McCommon on new criminal charges of coercion of a witness, aggravated stalking, and harassment.

On 8 September 2023, the Covington Police Department (CPD) arrested Alissa McCommon for rape of a child. McCommon posted bond and was subsequently released by the Court on conditional bond of no contact with the victim or any minors other than her own children.

On 26 September 2023, the CPD Criminal Investigation Division (CID) received information that former teacher **Alissa McCommon, 38, of Covington, TN**, using a previously unknown phone number, initiated additional contact with a victim.

The evidence indicates McCommon texted a victim, using a specific code word known to the juvenile as a code word McCommon would previously utilize to confirm that the juvenile was alone, often before sending nude photographs on SnapChat. After using the code word on 28 September 2023, the evidence indicates McCommon sent multiple text messages to victim indicating he would "regret doing this." McCommon, using the same number, also admitted to a sexual encounter with the victim.

Covington Police Chief Donna Turner stated, "the actions of McCommon are not only appalling, but CPD is also concerned about this apparent violation of her bond conditions. Due to the nature of the communications, we are concerned others may have been contacted. We will continue to seek the revocation of McCommon's bond, as well as aggressively prosecute the additional charges that continue to develop."

McCommon was arrested today at her Covington home and transported to the Tipton County jail. McCommon is being held without bond pending her appearance in Tipton County General Sessions Court. She has been charged with coercion of a witness, aggravated stalking, tampering with evidence, and harassment.

This investigation continues to develop related to victims in similar circumstances. If your child has been contacted by an unknown number, CPD can check that information for you and would like to in order to ensure that such abuse does not continue. Please contact the Covington Police

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Department CID at 901-475-1261. Tips can also be sent through the Covington Police Department Facebook messenger or the City of Covington website.

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