

Albany man, 70, arrested for sexually abusing teen

by Cheryl McDermott

Albany Police arrested on Tuesday a 70-year old registered sex offender in connection with the sexual abuse of a family friend that allegedly took place five years ago when the victim was 13.

Leo James Christian - APD photo Leo James Christian, 70, was lodged in the Linn County Jail and is charged with five counts of first-degree sex abuse and a single count of first-degree unlawful sexual penetration, a news release stated.

Police said the investigation began in June of this year when the alleged victim, now 18, reported the abuse occurred over a weekend when she visited the suspect at his home. "Leo Christian has engaged in a nearly 20-year pattern of sexually abusive behavior towards teenage females," the news release said.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect is asked to contact police at 541.917.7680.

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