

Child sex-crimes fugitive arrested Tuesday

(KAIR)--A fugitive, wanted on an Atchison County District Court arrest warrant for child-related sex crimes, was apprehended Tuesday evening.

The warrant for the arrest of 24-year-old Jayln Cluke, of Atchison, was issued in May, 2021 for aggravated criminal sodomy of a child, stemming from what a release calls a criminal complaint filed in the Atchison County District Court alleging that Cluke, then over the age of 18, "committed sodomy on a child less than 14 years of age."

The release, issued by Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, clarifies that the 2021 crime was not reported to, or investigated by, his office, but adds that "after the warrant was issued, Sheriff's Deputies had made attempts to locate Cluke but were unsuccessful in apprehending him."

However, Laurie adds that "concerns had been expressed to the...Sheriff's Office, indicating that Cluke was not being held accountable for the alleged crimes that were reported." That's when, the release says, Sheriff's Office "Deputies & Investigators began looking deeper into his whereabouts and were able to determine and develop information that he was in the Atchison Community."

According to Laurie, "investigators later reached out to the U.S. Marshal Service to assist with the apprehension of Cluke," with the Marshal Service executing the arrest warrant and taking Cluke into custody outside his Atchison residence, located in the 1000 block of North 8th Street, around 7:30 Tuesday evening.

According to Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, the warrant, on which Cluke was arrested, is the result of a May 2021 police investigation, with Wilson telling MSC News that after the warrant was issued for Cluke, his investigators learned Cluke was out of state, and contacted the U.S. Marshals Service, in the summer of 2021, with that agency having the warrant information since that time.

Cluke is currently in custody at the Atchison County Jail, held on a \$500,000 bond for the arrest warrant. He was additionally arrested for two other warrants for failure to appear in court.

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