

Atchison man accused of child sex crimes

**(KAIR)--An Atchison man is facing charges in connection with alleged child sex crimes, arrested on a Johnson County, Kansas warrant.**

**Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News 26-year-old Gary Love was apprehended Friday in Atchison. "We were contacted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department on Friday morning as they attempted to locate a 26-year-old Atchison man that they wanted on an outstanding warrant out of Johnson County, charging him with three counts of aggravated indecent liberties [with a child]. We were given an address that he may be at. It was determined on Friday morning that he had left that residence in a vehicle. We spotted that vehicle in the 300 block of Main, stopped it, and took him into custody."**

**Following his arrest, Love was booked into the Atchison County Jail, but later transferred to the custody of Johnson County.**

**According to online Johnson County Jail records, Love remains in custody, held on a bond of \$50,000.**

**According to a spokesperson for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, the initial investigation was handled by the Overland Park Police Department.**

**Love, prior to his arrest, worked as a custodian for the Atchison County Schools. Following his arrest, USD 377 Superintendent Andrew Gaddis issued the following statement:**

#### **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

***Gary D Love was employed by USD 377-Atchison County Community Schools as a custodian from January 7, 2018 until March 13, 2018. USD 377- Atchison County Community schools follows set procedures for screening potential employees, which includes background checks. If and when new information pertaining to an employee is brought to the attention of the school district, the district takes such information seriously, conducts a thorough investigation and acts according to its findings to protect the students and patrons of the district. Specific information regarding the employment of an individual is confidential and cannot be disclosed.***

