

PRESS RELEASE



Ogden City Police Department Cold Case Sexual Assault Investigation

The Ogden City Police Department has identified a suspect in two decades-old sexual assault cases from 1994 and 1997, thanks to recent DNA advancements. Jerald Leroy McAdams, already a convicted sex offender, was linked to both cases through forensic evidence and arrested in Washington State by Ogden Police Detectives. He now faces extradition to Utah to face charges of kidnapping and rape. Authorities are urging anyone with additional information about McAdams' activities in Weber County between 1991 and 1998 to come forward.

1994 Kidnapping & Sexual Assault Case

On December 13, 1994, at approximately 3:30 PM, Ogden Police officers responded to a report of a sexual assault that had occurred near 26th Street and Eccles Avenue. The victim, a 16-year-old female, reported that she had been offered a ride by an unknown male in an older-model, dark brown Pontiac Trans Am with a T-top and tan pinstripes. The suspect, described as a white male in his mid-thirties with shoulder-length reddish-brown hair and a full beard, drove the victim to a secluded location and sexually assaulted her against her will.

1997 Kidnapping & Sexual Assault Case

On September 3, 1997, a second victim reported to Ogden Police that she had been kidnapped and sexually assaulted by an unknown male. The suspect, driving a white Corvette, offered the victim money to help him locate an address. After she entered the vehicle, the suspect drove to a secluded area, where he forcibly assaulted her. The victim was later able to identify both the suspect and his vehicle, leading to the arrest of Jerald Leroy McAdams. However, due to a procedural issue, the charges were dismissed without prejudice.

Breakthrough in the Investigation

On September 7, 2023, the Utah Bureau of Forensic Services notified Ogden Police that DNA evidence from the 1994 assault had returned a match in the CODIS database, identifying Jerald Leroy McAdams as the suspect. Further investigation revealed that McAdams had a history of similar offenses, including a 1999 conviction for kidnapping and sexual assault in Centralia, Washington, where he was

sentenced to prison. His DNA was entered into the national database during his incarceration, leading to the recent match.

Current Investigation

Ogden Police investigators, in collaboration with intelligence analysts and other law enforcement agencies, identified Jerald Leroy McAdams' movements and criminal history. In April 2025, detectives worked with the Weber County Attorney's Office to obtain an arrest warrant for Jerald Leroy McAdams, who was living in Washington State. Ogden detectives traveled to Washington and with the help of Lewis County Sheriff's office, located and arrested the suspect. Jerald Leroy McAdams was interviewed and booked into the Lewis County Jail. He was then extradited to Ogden to face charges of Kidnapping and Rape in connection with the 1994 and 1997 cases.

Public Assistance & Contact Information

The Ogden City Police Investigations Bureau is looking for individuals who have reported incidents in the past involving this suspect or have information about his involvement in Weber County from 1991 to 1998. We urge anyone with information about McAdams or other potential victims to come forward. Tips can be provided by contacting the Ogden Police Department Investigations Bureau at 801-629-8228 or email the Bureau at: opdinvestigations@ogdencity.gov



Jerald Leroy McAdams

(Booking photos were taken from years prior and does not reflect the current image of the individual)

The Ogden City Police Department remains committed to pursuing justice for survivors and ensuring that those responsible for violent crimes are held accountable.