



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Incident Location: 312 W. Oregon, Urbana IL**  
**Date/Time of Press Release: April 28, 2020, 5 pm**  
**Date/Time of Incident: October 29, 2019**



### **Arrest of Clarence Walker**

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, Urbana Police detectives arrested Clarence Walker, a 36 year old Champaign man, for aggravated criminal sexual abuse. This arrest culminated from an investigation regarding Walker's previous employment as a substitute teacher at Leal Elementary School in Urbana.

On October 30, 2019, Urbana Police were made aware of allegations of inappropriate physical contact between Walker and several 10-year-old students at Leal School. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) contacted Urbana Police after they were notified by school district personnel about claims of Walker having inappropriate physical contact with students in the classroom as he was employed as a substitute teacher.

As soon as the school district was made aware of the allegations, they contacted DCFS. Since the initial notification, Walker has not had access to school facilities or children while the allegations were being investigated. School district personnel worked closely with police detectives on notifying parents and assisted with setting up interviews with children who had been in contact with Walker.

Walker's arrest involves an incident where he is alleged to have placed his hand underneath a student's clothing. Other students who were interviewed also made detectives aware of instances where Walker is alleged to have touched children on their bodies unnecessarily, such as rubbing their backs and shoulders and giving unwanted hugs.

As with all cases, the fact that a person has been charged with a crime does not necessarily indicate guilt and all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Any person with any further information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Urbana Police Department at 217-384-2320.

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