



## **Brown County Sheriff's Office**

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### **Press Release**

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**OFFICE POINT OF CONTACT:** Sheriff Gordon Ellis

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On December 19, 2022 deputies from the Brown County Sheriff's Office received a tip advising that Dennis Chaney, a 70 year old male, had transferred images and videos consistent with possible child pornography. After several months of investigating, deputies developed enough probable cause to take the case to Grand Jury.

As a result of the Grand Jury, Dennis Chaney was indicted on:

5 Counts: Illegal Use of A Minor in Nudity Oriented Material (Felony 2)

5 Counts: Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor (Felony 4)

On April 24, 2023 Dennis Chaney was arrested on the indictments and will be arraigned at the Brown County Common Pleas Court at 1:00 PM on April 25, 2023.

Dennis Chaney had previously been a Special Deputy with the Brown County Sheriff's Office from September 2011 –December 2013, and he recently resigned from the Ohio Lottery Commission.

The Brown County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Brown County Drug Task Force, and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for their assistance on the investigation.