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MEDIA RELEASE

**BRADLEY COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOLLOWING SEXUAL ABUSE
INVESTIGATION INVOLVING 11-YEAR-OLD CHILD**

BRADLEY COUNTY, TN (September 18, 2026) — On September 17, 2026, detectives with the Bradley County Sheriff's Office arrested Zachary Rodriguez, 25, of Cleveland, following an investigation into allegations of sexual abuse involving an 11-year-old child.

The investigation included the execution of a search warrant.

On September 16, 2026, the case was presented to a Bradley County Grand Jury. The Grand Jury returned true bills charging Rodriguez with three counts of Rape of a Child and one count of Exploitation of a Minor by Electronic Means.

Detectives took Rodriguez into custody on the resulting warrants on September 17, 2026.

Rodriguez is currently being held on a \$200,000 bond.

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.
