



# Tupelo Police Department

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## Press Release

**ALL INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY**

-----For Immediate Release-----

**7-04-23**

### **Sexual Battery Arrest Made:**

On 05-05-23 TPD Officers responded to Central Avenue in reference to a report of inappropriate sexual contact with a juvenile.

After further investigation, Javarus Shackelford (26 y/o male, Tupelo) was taken into custody by the Tupelo Police Department and charged with three counts of Sexual Battery by a Person in Position of Authority.

On 07-02-23, Tupelo Municipal Court Judge Allen ordered Shackelford to be held without bond. These charges will be presented to the Lee County Grand Jury.

