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New Albany pastor charged in sodomy

Isrom Johnson charged in Louisville; child under 14

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LOUISVILLE — The pastor of at a New Albany church is in jail after being charged with multiple counts of sodomy on a child.

The Rev. Isrom Johnson, 32, pastor at Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 725 Linden Ave., was arrested by Louisville Metro Police about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of South Third St. He has been charged in a Jefferson County Circuit Court with three counts sodomy in the second degree. The offenses took place between March 2009 and March 2011, according to court documents.

Johnson, a Louisville resident, is the primary contact on the church's website, which includes contact information to schedule him for speaking engagements. Johnson's arrest follows a Jefferson County Grand Jury indictment.

According to court records, Johnson committed three offenses of, "sodomy in the second degree by engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with a person less than 14 years of age."

The victim is the same individual in each of the three charges.

Johnson is being held under a \$10,000 cash-only bond, according to Louisville Metro Police Department officials. Each charge is a class C felony, punishable by five to 10 years in prison.

Johnson remained in the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections as of press time. There was no answer to calls placed to Prince of Peace church.