

## **Police: Dover man arrested after women claim he sexually abused them when they were children**

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Delaware State Police detectives arrested a Dover man Thursday after two victims, now both in their 30s, disclosed he sexually abused them when they were children.

Detectives from Troop 3 Major Crimes Unit arrested Odell L. Wright, 57, of Dover and charged him with 46 sex-related crimes stemming from incidents that allegedly occurred in the late '80s and early '90s, according to a press release from Delaware State Police. The two female victims were 8 and 10 years old at the time of the alleged offenses.

The 8-year-old victim, now 30, told detectives she was sexually abused by Wright between December 1989 and December 1991, when he lived with her family in a house in Cheswold.

The 10-year-old victim, now 32, alleges she was sexually assaulted between July 1992 and July 1995, while attending church functions at the Rescue House of Prayer in Felton, where Wright at the time was a deacon.

Wright was arrested on charges including 39 counts of first-degree unlawful sexual intercourse, continuous sexual abuse of a child, and unlawful sexual contact.

He was arraigned at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center and committed to in Smyrna on \$215,000 secured bond.

Anyone with information regarding a similar incident related to Odell Wright should contact police in one of the following ways:

- Call the state police Major Crimes Unit at 302-741-2806.
- Call Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.
- Visit [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com)
- Send an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."