

Louisville police arrest pastor of Baptist church in New Albany

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) -- Louisville Metro police say they've taken some dangerous criminals off the streets -- including a local church pastor accused of rape.

It all unfolded Wednesday night as part of a high-risk warrant sweep by Metro Police Department's Special Victims Unit.

WDRB was the only television station there when officers went looking for the suspects on Wednesday -- and by the end of the night, they had a New Albany church pastor in custody.

"He is a pastor at a church over in New Albany," said Sgt. Donny Burbrink with the LMPD's Special Victims Unit. "He had been charged with a couple of counts of sodomy first."

Officers arrested Rev. Isrom Johnson Dec. 12. He is the pastor of the Prince of Peace Baptist Church in New Albany. He was one of several people arrested Wednesday night.

Johnson is accused of raping a teenage boy.

Officers had dozens of warrants, but only found a handful of suspects. Police say it is still worth the time and energy they put into serving the warrants.

"It is worth it when you get to get some of the people that we've gotten tonight off the street," Burbrink said. "It makes us feel better about our job and it makes the city a little bit safer tonight."

Police plan to go out again in the near future to look for more suspects.

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