



# MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Ames Police Investigate Invasion of Privacy - Nudity**

On February 24, 2025, the Ames Police Department responded to the Ames Target for a report of a person filming a female while they changed clothes inside a store fitting room. The suspect was believed to be using their cell phone camera placed under the fitting room door to record images of the victim without their knowledge or consent.

During the subsequent investigation, additional victims were identified as having been recorded while using the Target fitting rooms in February 2025.

As a result of the investigation, Michael Leslie, age 45, of Maxwell IA, was arrested on the following charges:

Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, a Class B Felony.

Invasion of Privacy – Nudity (3 counts), an Aggravated Misdemeanor.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Ames Police Department at 515-239-5133 or the anonymous tip line 515-239-5533. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at 515-223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to [www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com](http://www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com).

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Sergeant Cole Hippen, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5133.

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