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Direct Care Worker Arrested for Gratification of Lust

Jackson, Miss.- Daniel P. Smith, 21, of Magee, has been arrested and charged for gratification of lust while employed as a direct care worker, announced Attorney General Jim Hood today.

Smith was arrested Monday by investigators with the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. The charge alleges Smith touched a 24-year-old male patient inappropriately while employed as a direct care worker at a mental health facility.

Smith was booked in to the Simpson County Jail and released on a \$5,000 bond. If convicted of the charge against him, Smith faces up to 15 years behind bars. As with all cases, the charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

This case was investigated by Jeff Stewart, Barrick Fortune and John David Flowers and will be prosecuted by Special Assistant Attorney General Sue Perry of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

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