

Teacher, Deacon Jailed in Unrelated Homosexual Cases

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A private school teacher and a man identified as a church deacon have been arrested in unrelated cases involving allegations of homosexual acts with boys.

The St. Bernard Parish sheriff's office said James Lockwood of Chalmette was booked with eight counts of crime against nature and eight counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

A spokesman said Lockwood, identified as a Catholic deacon and former teacher, was accused of molesting two boys who lived at the Burton Memorial Boys Home in New Orleans and several other youths in his neighborhood.

New Orleans police said Harry DeKay Jr., 43, of New Orleans was booked with two counts of aggravated crime against nature after a 14-year-old boy who said he was forced into sex acts.

Police said the boy was a participant in a summer program for boys and girls at Prytania Private School, where DeKay said he is a teacher.