

Hillsboro pastor, Truett Seminary student arrested on charges of sexual assault of a child

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A Hillsboro pastor and student at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary was arrested Monday, accused of sexually assaulting a child after a mother allegedly caught him with her daughter in a car.

Benjamin Nelson, 27, was booked into Hill County Jail after Whitney police found him at his home in Waco.

Nelson was charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one charge of deadly conduct, which came because Nelson allegedly drove recklessly near the child's mother while leaving the scene in a Whitney shopping center, according to Whitney police.

According to his Facebook page, Nelson is pastor of Peoria Baptist Church and a student at Truett Seminary.

A Baylor spokeswoman said Nelson is enrolled as a first-year seminary student.

Any other witnesses or victims are asked to contact Whitney police to provide information.