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Deputy Arrested for Soliciting of Minor, Served Notice of Termination

On Wednesday, December 14th, detectives with the Leon County Sheriff's Office's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit conducted a proactive undercover operation. During the operation, 27-year-old Jarrod Eldridge engaged in communication via an electronic device with a person whom he believed to be a fourteen-year-old female. In the communications, Eldridge spoke about engaging in sexual activities and sent pictures of himself.

On Thursday, December 15, detectives secured warrants for Eldridge's arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody without incident at the Leon County Detention Facility.

Eldridge is currently a Bailiff Deputy and has been employed with the Leon County Sheriff's Office since 2018. He has been served notice of termination.

This is an active and ongoing investigation, conducted with the assistance of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and United States Homeland Security Investigations. If anyone has information about this case or any cases of exploitation of children, contact the Special Victims Unit at (850) 606-3300. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Big Bend Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477). Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$500 to \$5,000 dollars if their information leads to an arrest.

NAME: Jarrod Eldridge

DOB: 03/03/1995

CHARGES:

- 1 Transmission of Material Harmful to Minors by Electronic Device or Equipment
- 1 count Use Computer to Seduce Solicit Lure Child



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