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Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Internet Crimes Against Children Operation

Over the last several weeks, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) detectives from the Lake City Police Department have been conducting an undercover operation in Lake City to identify and arrest individuals attempting to exploit children online.

During the course of the investigation, Arturo Nava began communicating with undercover detectives whom he believed to be a teenage girl. Nava engaged in sexually explicit conversations and made arrangements to travel to Lake City to meet the child.

Upon Nava's arrival at a location of his choosing, officers from the Lake City Police Department took him into custody without incident and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center.

Detectives are continuing their investigation to determine whether Nava may have committed similar offenses in other jurisdictions. Charges against him will be coordinated with the State Attorney's Office.

"This arrest reflects our unwavering commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community, our children," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "We will continue working with our ICAC partners to ensure child predators are identified and brought to justice."

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Lake City Police Department at (386) 752-4343 or report information anonymously through the LCPD TIPS line at (386) 719-2068 or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at (386) 754-7099.



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Name: Nava, Arturo
DOB: 01/23/1990
Sex/Race: Male/White
Hair/Eyes: Brown/Brown
Address: 6467 NW CR 152 Jennings, FL 32053

Charge(s): Use Computer to Seduce, Solicit, or Lure a Child
Use Two-Way Communication Device to Facilitate a Felony
Travel to Meet a Minor After Use of Computer to Lure



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