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Media Release

From: **Corporal Wendy McGinnis**
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Re: **Law Enforcement Hopeful Arrested for Traveling to Meet a Minor for Sexual Purposes**

Date: **February 01, 2012**

Case Number: **2012-00641**

Suspect(s) Information:

David Bronson Jefford DOB 08/02/1985
5250 E. Live Oak Lane
Inverness, Florida

Between January 6 and January 31, 2012, David Jefford engaged in an on-line relationship with a person he believed to be a fourteen (14) year old girl. On-line services he utilized included Yahoo! and Craig's List. During this investigation, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office were able to identify Mr. Jefford (26 years old) as the suspect involved in the on-line conversation.

On January 6, 2012, an undercover detective observed an advertisement posted on Craig's List requesting a woman who would be interested in a rape fantasy sexual encounter. The posting was answered by the undercover detective using an established identity of a fourteen (14) year old girl. The poster, who was later identified as David Bronson Jefford, responded and an on-line conversation began. This conversation lasted through January 31, 2012 and included Mr. Jefford sending an image of his penis.

Through the on-line chats with Mr. Jefford, he discussed, in detail, what he planned on doing with the girl when they met. Mr. Jefford provided an on-line written story from a website identified as "Kristen Archives" stating that this incident depicted in the story was similar to what he wanted to do but stated that he would use a condom as he did not want to get the girl pregnant.

On January 31, 2012, Mr. Jefford drove to Hernando County in an attempt to meet with, who he believed to be, the fourteen (14) year old girl for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity. Mr.

Jefford indicated his location throughout the morning and advised that he was parked in the area of the bike trail near the intersection of Cortez Boulevard and Grove Road. Mr. Jefford was found in his vehicle in the parking lot of Springbrook Hospital and was taken into custody without incident.

During a subsequent interview Mr. Jefford admitted to the above information. He admitted to having gone to Wal-Mart on Cortez Boulevard, while waiting for the girl, in order to purchase items needed for the sexual encounter.

During the interview, it was also learned that Mr. Jefford had recently applied for the position of Detention Deputy with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Jefford was advised this week that his application for employment as a Detention Deputy was denied, due to circumstances unrelated to this case, and would not be considered for employment with their agency.

Mr. Jefford was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center without further incident.

“This should serve as a reminder to all parents to ‘get nosey’ with your children -- know who they are talking to and what they are saying,” said Sheriff Al Nienhuis. “Mr. Jefford was found in possession of several items to fulfill his fantasy, including a 45 caliber hand gun and duct tape. We believe this could have been a very dangerous situation had he been successful in meeting with a 14 year old girl. Once someone becomes a victim of a violent sex crime, if they survive, so much of their dignity, pride and self confidence is taken away from them. It is a traumatic experience that would have life-long effects.”

Arrestee/Charges: One (1) Count of Traveling to Meet a Minor for Sexual Purposes
One (1) Count of Unlawful Computer Transmission
One (1) Count of Transmission of Material Harmful to Minors Using an Electronic Device
One (1) Count of Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony



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