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**Registered felon arrested for Traveling to Meet a Minor for Sex**

Seminole Co. – (July 12, 2017) – On July 11, members of the Seminole County Sheriff's Crimes Against Children Unit arrested Louis Anthony Arce on charges of Traveling to Meet a Minor for Sex and Transmitting Material Harmful to a Child. The investigation began on June 28 when Arce communicated online with an undercover investigator portraying himself as a 13-year-old female. Over the course of several weeks, Arce sent obscene photos of himself and stated multiple times that he wanted to meet to have sex with the minor.

On July 11, Arce communicated with the undercover investigator again and arranged to travel to Seminole County to have sexual activity with the minor. He arrived at the predetermined location on a moped and was met by investigators who placed him under arrest. Arce was booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility on a \$43,000 bond.

Law enforcement officials recommend the following safety tips for parents:

- Communicate with your child. Talk with them about the potential dangers online and the reasons why they should be careful.
- Spend time with your child online and learn their favorite online destinations.
- Monitor what communication your child may be having via their phone.
- Use parental controls and/or blocking software.
- Instruct children not to give out personal information such as their home address, school name or telephone number, and
- Never to arrange a meeting with someone they met online without your permission.

Additional safety information can be found in the FBI's "Parent's Guide to Internet Safety" at: <http://www.fbi.gov/statsservices/publications/parent-guide>.

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