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SCSO Arrests High School Teacher for Lewd and Lascivious Battery on a Minor

Seminole Co. Fla. (10/11/23) - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Crimes Against Children Unit arrested Winter Springs High School teacher Lucas Cridlebaugh, 25, of Sanford, today on two counts of Lewd and Lascivious Battery on a Minor and three counts of Lewd and Lascivious Molestation of a Minor.

Deputies were contacted Monday evening after the victim's mother learned Cridlebaugh exchanged sexually explicit messages with her daughter (a Winter Springs High School student) over the spring and early summer of 2023. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that Cridlebaugh also had inappropriate sexual contact with the victim on several occasions on the school campus. This was substantiated following an interview with the victim by detectives.

Detectives questioned Cridlebaugh. He cooperated with the investigation and based on his statements and the evidence, Cridlebaugh was arrested on the charges and booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility on a \$75,000 bond.

Seminole County Public Schools administrators cooperated with the investigation and suspended Cridlebaugh immediately upon learning of the allegations.

The investigation is ongoing at this time, and detectives are asking anyone who has had a similar incident involving Cridlebaugh to contact Crimeline at (800) 423-TIPS (8477) or the Seminole County Sheriff's Office 407-665-6650.

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