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On 3/13/2017 at approx. 5:06 p.m., Detectives from the Tarpon Springs Police Department arrested Charles Eric Dudley, B/M DOB 9/21/1991, LKA 2804 Bridlewood Ct in Palm Harbor, who was the subject of an ongoing 8 month investigation in connection to several online sex crimes with minor female children in the Tarpon Springs area.

Dudley has been arrested on 5 counts of Transmission of Harmful Materials to a Minor (3rd Degree Felony). An investigation began in August 2016, after the concerned mother of a 13 year old female child filed an initial report. Dudley later made contact with an undercover Detective posing to be a 13 year old female child, and subsequently sent 5 explicit nude photographs, claiming to be of him.

Dudley was aware the undercover child profile age was 13, and on several occasions advised he preferred girls of that age. Dudley expressed wanting to have sexual intercourse and oral sex with the 13 year old female child undercover profile.

After Dudley's arrest, he provided Detectives with a full post Miranda confession. Dudley advised he created a faux Facebook account and sent explicit nude photographs to whom he thought was a 13 year old child. On the date of 3/13/2017, Dudley advised the undercover Detective he wished to meet who he thought was a 13 year old, in person. He then traveled to Anderson Park, in Tarpon Springs with a minor child in his custody, and was apprehended and arrested. Although Dudley did not arrange to have sex with the undercover Detective, posing to be a 13 year old child on the date of his arrest, he had done so on prior occasions, later cancelling the pre-arranged meetings. Dudley claimed, although he previously arranged to, he would have never "actually crossed the line" and had sex with a child.

Throughout a lengthy investigation, it has been discovered that Dudley has possibly targeted multiple female juveniles throughout Pinellas and Pasco counties. If you have any information regarding Dudley as it pertains to this investigation or other similar allegations, please contact Det. Scarpati at the Tarpon Springs Police Department at (727)939-4499.

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