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NEWS RELEASE

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Indian Trail Child Solicitation Case Linked to Kansas Man

Union County Sheriff's detectives have filed charges against a 27 year old Olathe, Kansas man for Soliciting a Child by Computer and Disseminating Obscene Material to a Minor. **Joseph Daniel Sims** of 14715 South Kaw Drive, Olathe, Kansas, remains in custody in a Johnson County, Kansas detention facility pending extradition to North Carolina on the Union County charges.

The investigation began in late November 2017 after deputies were dispatched to a missing person call in Indian Trail. Before arriving to the scene, deputies discovered the parents of the missing teenager located her in the neighborhood. Deputies determined the teen's parents discovered their daughter had been communicating with an adult male, identified as Sims, using Snapchat. The teenage female had also been exchanging inappropriate images with Sims. In addition, Sims was allegedly attempting to lure the teenager to Kansas.

Forensic examinations of electronic devices revealed extensive communication between Sims and the teenage female. Union County Sheriff's detectives, working in conjunction with agents from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and local authorities in Kansas, arrested Sims last week at his home and a search warrant was executed at the residence. Electronic devices were seized pursuant to the search and forensic examinations are ongoing.

Sheriff Eddie Cathey applauded the work of the deputies, detectives, officers and federal HSI agents who worked on this case. He stated, "This case is a perfect example of why parents must be aware of what their kids are doing and who they are talking to on social media. This young girl could have disappeared from her home and anything could have happened. Our investigators followed this case through and identified a predator halfway across the country who was able to manipulate her into doing things that could have gotten her hurt."



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NAME: JOSEPH DANIEL SIMS
CRIMINAL FILE NUMBER: 201116
DOB: 08-02-1990 RACE: W SEX: M

DETENTION CENTER LOCATION

[27745 W. 159TH ST - NEW CENTURY](#)

VISITATION TIMES

MON: 09:15 AM - 10:10 AM

WED: 10:00:00:73000 AM - 10:00:00:73000 AM

BOOKING DATE: 02/13/18

CHARGE & BOND INFORMATION				COURT DATES	
CHARGES	BOND AMOUNT	BOND TYPE	DISPO	COURT LOCATION	COURT DATE & TIME
FUGITIVE		NO BOND	PRELIMINARY		

Point of contact for this press release is Chief Communications Officer Tony Underwood, 704-292-2707.

Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

Union County Sheriff's Office at 704-283-3789

Or

Union County Crimestoppers at 704-283-5600

