

Harford County Child Advocacy Center



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RISING SUN MAN ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR

(Bel Air, Maryland | July 12, 2018) – A Rising Sun man was arrested and charged on Thursday after a Harford County Child Advocacy Center investigation developed evidence supporting charges of sexual solicitation of a minor.

The suspect is identified as Timothy Craig, 29, of Rising Sun, MD. He is charged with one count of sexual solicitation of a minor.

Investigators became involved after Craig made contact with an undercover law enforcement account which he believed to be a 14-year-old girl and arranged to have sexual contact with her. Craig arranged to meet behind a movie theater in Churchville where he was arrested without incident by members of the Harford County Child Advocacy Center, who were assisted by deputies with the Harford County Sheriff's Office Warrant Apprehension Unit, a trooper with the Maryland State Police, and special agents with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Craig was released from the Harford County Detention Center on \$5,000 bail.

Investigators also recovered items of personal electronics and other evidence from Craig's person and vehicle upon his arrest. Investigation is ongoing.

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The **Harford County Child Advocacy Center** is the recognized community expert for Harford County, Maryland in the areas of child abuse, exploitation, and maltreatment. Through commitment, advocacy and collaboration they investigate, educate and serve to heal victims of child maltreatment and their families. Through outreach with their community they stop abuse when it happens and prevent abuse before it begins. The CAC's multidisciplinary team consists of members of the Harford County State's Attorney's Office, Harford County Department of Social Services, Harford County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and the Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace Police Departments. The CAC provides specialized medical evaluations and treatment through partnership with a local pediatrician and trauma-focused mental health services through partnership with Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland. For more information about the Harford County Child Advocacy Center, visit their website at <u>www.harfordcac.org</u>.

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The Harford County Child Advocacy Center is an affiliate member of the **Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force**. This is a combined effort of law enforcement and prosecutors involving agencies across Maryland that is funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Task force investigators focus on identifying those involved in child pornography via the Internet and other related crimes that victimize children.