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**Wadsworth Man Arrested After Manufacturing Child
Pornography**

In November of 2018, Lake County Sheriff's Detectives received information Joshua D. Howard, 20, of the 38800 block of Chicago Avenue, Wadsworth, was suspected of having a sexual relationship with a juvenile girl.

Detectives conducted an extensive investigation and evidence recovered during their investigation indicates not only did Howard have the sexual relationship with the juvenile, he video/audio recorded being engaged in sexual acts with the juvenile.

On December 21, 2018, Sheriff's Detectives conducted a search warrant at Howard's residence. Computer and cellular electronics were seized during the search warrant. Howard was arrested and subsequently charged with:

Manufacturing Child Pornography (Class X Felony)
Criminal Sexual Abuse (Class A Misdemeanor)

Howard remains held at the Lake County Jail on \$750,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on January 16, 2019, at 1:30PM in Courtroom T110.

The investigation into Howard is ongoing and Sheriff's Detectives encourage anyone with information about Howard to contact them at 847-377-4245.

Sheriff Idleburg reminds the public the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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