

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Search Warrant Conducted at Residence of Charged Child Sexual Abuser**

The Lake County Sheriff's Office initiated an investigation when information was learned about a predatory criminal sexual assault. The child victim disclosed to a trusted family member that she had been assaulted for approximately three years, by an individual who was known to the family. The family reported the assaults to law-enforcement.

The case was assigned to the Lake County Sheriff's Office Children Advocacy Unit and an immediate investigation commenced. Sheriff's detectives worked with members of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center to conduct the investigation. Information was gathered indicating Jose Torrez, 50, of the 33100 block of North Sears Boulevard, was the adult responsible for sexually assaulting the child. Torrez was a close acquaintance of a family member of the child.

Sheriff's detectives learned some of the sexual assaults took place not only at Torrez' residence, but also motels in Grayslake and Libertyville, as well as a residence in Waukegan. Additionally, sheriff's detectives learned Torrez took the girl on a trip to Mexico at one point and as a result, sheriff's detectives requested the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In March of 2021, Waukegan Police Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Torrez for three counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child under the age of 13, for the assaults which took place at the Waukegan residence. Torrez was arrested on that warrant at his residence on March 31, 2021, by Lake County Sheriff's Deputies.

On May 4, 2021, sheriff's detectives, with the assistance of the FBI and Lake County State's Attorney's Office conducted a search warrant at Torrez' residence.

The child has been safe with her family since the time she disclosed the assaults.

Torrez remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$500,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on May 7, 2021, at 9:00AM in courtroom T612.

The investigation remains ongoing and additional charges are expected.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, “Preying on our most vulnerable is inexcusable. We will always seek justice for the victims of sexual abuse, and we have dedicated a full-time detective to the Lake County Children’s Advocacy Center for that exact purpose. I am grateful for the collaboration which went into this investigation between local and federal agencies, to help a young child who was victimized in terrible way.”

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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