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MEDIA RELEASE

Round Lake Area Man Charged with Indecent Solicitation

On November 22, 2022, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Group in collaboration with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) concluded an investigation which resulted in the arrest of a man for the offense indecent solicitation of a child.

During the month of November, Julio Rojas, 61, of the 1800 block of Tomahawk Trail, Round Lake Heights, began communicating online with undercover detectives, posing as a girl under the age of 15. During their conversation, Rojas indicated he was in the area on a 'business trip' but wanted to meet with the 'child' to engage in sexual acts.

Rojas agreed to meet the 'child' on November 22, 2022 at a location in Lake County. When he arrived at the location to engage in the sexual acts with the child, he was arrested by detectives.

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the charges of two counts of indecent solicitation of a child and traveling to meet a minor.

Rojas remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$200,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on December 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "While we will always use all of our resources to investigate and arrest those who prey on our most vulnerable, it is still very important for parents to understand there are predators out there who prey on our children. Please inspect your child's electronic devices to see who they are communicating with and what they are saying."

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

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