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# CANYON COUNTY SHERIFF

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## Press Release

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### Incident: Internet Enticement Arrest

On January 9, 2009, at approximately 3:15 pm, 35 year old Arthur Schmierer of Homedale was arrested at the McDonald's on North Midland in Nampa. This arrest was the culmination of an investigation by Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force member agencies. Officers from the Idaho Attorney General, Nampa Police Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Shoshone County Sheriff's Office and the Canyon County Sheriff's Office were involved in the investigation that began earlier this week.

Information was forwarded to the Canyon County Sheriff's Office, by the Iron County Sheriff's Office out of Utah, indicating that Schmierer was attempting to solicit young females via the internet to meet him for the purpose of sexual activity. It was also learned the Schmierer was an interstate truck driver and several of the communications were conducted from out of state. A local investigation was opened and Schmierer agreed to meet with who he thought was a thirteen year old female at the Nampa location. Internet and telephone communications, conducted by task force personnel, indicated that Schmierer was interested in having sexual contact with the person he was going to meet.

Schmierer has been arrested on felony charges of Attempted Lewd Conduct with a Minor Child Under Sixteen and Enticing of Children over the Internet. In addition, he is charged with a misdemeanor Violation of a No Contact Order. The No Contact Order violation stems from an existing court case. The investigation is continuing as evidence will be processed to determine if additional crimes have been committed.

The cooperative efforts of all the involved law enforcement agencies, led to this successful arrest. It is also a reminder to parents and guardians to be aware of the activities of their children, even in the safety of their homes. As the internet has grown in use among children so has the opportunity for the children to be victimized through its use.

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