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MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE ARREST MAN FOR TRAVELING TO MEET A MINOR



Keith A. Aarseth

On February 21, 2017, the Mount Prospect Police Department arrested and later charged Keith A. Aarseth, 60 years old, of 6 N325 Whitmore Circle Unit E, Saint Charles, with Traveling to Meet a Minor, Grooming and Indecent Solicitation of a Child, all felony charges.

Mount Prospect Police Investigators were notified about an adult male who had been communicating with a 16 year-old female juvenile through an internet chat service website and had arranged to meet the juvenile in Mount Prospect to engage in sexual activity on February 15. After the juvenile did not show up at the arranged meeting, the male offender arranged to meet the juvenile at a park in Mount Prospect on February 21. Mount Prospect Police Investigators, who had been monitoring the juvenile's account, went to the park on February 21. Aarseth was located and identified as the adult male who had arranged the meeting through a photograph he had sent the juvenile via e-mail. Aarseth was taken into custody and later admitted he sent messages of a sexual nature to the juvenile and had arranged to meet her in Mount Prospect on two separate occasions to engage in sexual activity.

Mount Prospect Police investigators coordinated the investigation with the Cook County State's Attorney's Internet Crimes Against Children task force. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved three felony charges against Aarseth: Traveling to Meet a Minor, Grooming and Indecent Solicitation of a Child. Aarseth was taken to a bond hearing on February 23, 2017, where his bond was set at \$125,000.00 "D". In addition, several conditions of bond were set including a prohibition of contact with the victim and anyone under the age of 18, as well as a prohibition on the use of the internet and cell phones. His next court date is March 16, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in room 108 of the 3rd District Courthouse of Cook County in Rolling Meadows.

"Cases like these are reminders for parents to be engaged with their children about risks associated with the internet," said Police Chief Tim Janowick. "We strongly encourage parents

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to have conversations with their children about relationships, internet safety, and the willingness to have an open door for discussions."

Anyone with additional information that may be helpful to this investigation is requested to call the Mount Prospect Police Department at 847-818-5239.

The public is reminded that criminal charges are not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

