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## **Detectives Search for Additional Sex Abuse Victims**

March 31, 2016--Washington County Child Abuse Detectives search for additional victims following the arrest of an Aloha man.

Sheriff's Detectives believe David James McHarg, 57, of Aloha, attempted to engage in inappropriate sexual conduct with at least one underage male. Sheriff's Detectives began their investigation of Mr. McHarg in February 2016 after a family member reported suspicious predatory behavior.

Sheriff's Detectives received information that Mr. McHarg was electronically communicating with underage males primarily using Facebook. Sheriff's Detectives

assumed a California boy's online identity and began communicating with Mr. McHarg. After a short time, Mr. McHarg lured who he believed to be the boy, to Portland for sex.

On March 24, 2016, Sheriff's Detectives contacted Mr. McHarg at the Portland International Airport as he arrived to meet the alleged 15 year-old boy. He was arrested without incident.

Mr. McHarg was lodged in the Washington County Jail. He was charged with First Degree Online Sexual Corruption of a Child and Luring a Minor. He is held on \$20,000 bail.

The Washington County Child Abuse Detectives believe there may be additional victims. If you have any information, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office Detective Division at (503) 846-2500.



David McHarg