

MEDIA RELEASE

Man Posed as High School Student Online, Arrested for Child Sex Abuse

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Over the past several months, two detectives from the Washington County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Unit have been investigating 26-year-old Lafayette A. Castillo of Beaverton. Detectives learned Mr. Castillo used Snapchat and Instagram to pose as a high school student so he could talk with children online. He then met children in person and sexually assaulted them.

The investigation identified multiple victims and based on Mr. Castillo's social media activity, detectives believe he targeted additional children.

Mr. Castillo was arrested on January 15 and indicted by a grand jury on January 24 for sex crimes involving two victims, ages 12 and 14. His bail is set at \$1.5 million and he is being held on the following charges:

- Rape the the first degree (two counts)
- Attempted rape in the first degree
- Sexual abuse in the first degree (three counts)
- Sexual abuse in the second degree (five counts)
- Sodomy in the third degree (two counts)

If you have information about Mr. Castillo or can help identify other potential victims, please call the Sheriff's Office at 503-846-2700.



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