Internet Crimes Against Children Operation

Over the last several weeks, detectives from the Lake City Police Department, in collaboration with Task Force Officers from Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), have been conducting an undercover operation in Lake City to target adults attempting to exploit children via social media and the internet.

To date, two arrests have been made, with more expected before the end of the month:

- **Herminio Monte Perez**, of Live Oak, was arrested after traveling to Lake City to meet with someone he believed to be a juvenile he had contacted through a social media platform commonly used by gay men for soliciting sex.
- **Khloe Cathryn Davis**, of Gainesville, was arrested after arranging to meet with someone she believed to be a juvenile male. Davis was taken into custody by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Additionally, a warrant has been issued for **Patrick Warren Taylor**, of Jacksonville, on nine counts of transmitting harmful information to a minor, along with other related charges.

"I would like to thank the Alachua, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County Sheriff's Offices, Jasper Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Internet Crimes Against Children Florida Task Force for their assistance in this operation," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler, "I would like to remind parents to be involved in their children's online activities. We ask parents to follow the tips below to keep their children safe from adults who use the internet to harm them."

Tips for Parents to Keep Children Safe Online

1. **Set Up Devices, Accounts, and Passwords**
   - Familiarize yourself with your children's devices and how to use them.
   - Stay informed about online trends, potential dangers, and age-appropriate content.
2. **Monitor Online Use and Connections**
   - Monitoring isn't about spying; it's about protecting your children while fostering trust and communication.
   - Strike a balance between guiding them and respecting their digital independence.
3. **Parental Approval of Apps and Games**
   - Approving apps and games goes beyond a simple "yes" or "no." Create a safe digital environment that promotes healthy development and open communication.

- o This process builds trust and strengthens your relationship with your child.
4. **Restrict Content and Permissions**
   - o Restrict access to inappropriate content to create an age-appropriate online environment.
   - o Discuss the risks of inappropriate content and set clear expectations for online behavior.
   - o Use parental controls to filter content, limit screen time, and monitor activity.
   - o Choose apps, websites, and games designed for your child's age and developmental needs.
5. **Start the Conversation**
   - o Open, ongoing conversations about online safety are essential.
   - o Regular discussions allow you to address new trends, apps, and challenges as they arise.
   - o These conversations should be engaging, not one-sided lectures.

Tips for Effective Conversations:

- Start early and tailor discussions to your child's age and development.
- Make online safety a natural, ongoing part of everyday life.
- Ask open-ended questions and listen to their concerns.
- Use real-life examples to illustrate your points.
- Focus on equipping them with safety strategies rather than scaring them.
- Be open to learning from your child about new technology and trends.

Technology evolves rapidly, and staying informed about your child's digital world is vital to keeping them safe. By prioritizing education, communication, and proactive monitoring, parents can help their children navigate the digital landscape responsibly and securely.

Name:	**Davis, Khloe Cathryn**
DOB:	08/21/2001
Sex/Race:	Male/Black
Hair/Eyes:	Black/Brown
Address:	4300 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Charges:	Transmit info Harmful to Minors
	Use 2 way Communication Device to Facilitate a Felony
	Use computer to Seduce Solicit Lure Child

Name: **Perez, Herminio Monte**
DOB: 07/31/1997
Sex/Race: Male/Black
Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown
Address: 202 NE First Street, Live Oak, FL 32064
Charges: Transmit info Harmful to Minors
Use 2 way Communication Device to Facilitate a Felony
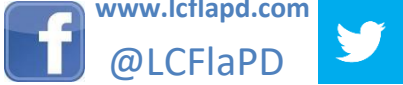Use computer to Seduce Solicit Lure Child
Travel to Meet After Use of Computer to Lure Child

Name: **Taylor, Patrick Warren** ****Has not been arrested on these charges****
DOB: 08/21/2001
Sex/Race: Male/Black
Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown
Address: 1640 Tyler Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209
Charges: 9 Counts Transmit info Harmful to Minors
2 Counts Use 2 way Communication Device to Facilitate a Felony
2 Counts Use computer to Seduce Solicit Lure Child

CRIME STOPPERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

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or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at 386-754-7099.