



## Former Sheriff's Deputy Charged in South Bay Internet Predator Sting

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**LOS ANGELES** – A former Sheriff's deputy was charged today with felony crimes arising from his arrest earlier this year in an undercover law enforcement sting aimed at alleged Internet child predators.

Joseph Mican Abadla Carlos, 31 (dob 3-3-1976), was charged in case No. BA332654 with one count each of meeting a minor for lewd purposes, a violation of Section 288.3(b) of the California Penal Code, and one count of attempted lewd act upon a child (664/288(a)) under the age of 14.

Deputy District Attorney Christina Buckley of the Justice System Integrity Division said Carlos is to appear in Los Angeles Superior Court for arraignment on Dec. 17. The arraignment was scheduled for Department 30 in the Criminal Justice Center in the Los Angeles Civic Center.

The complaint recommended bail of \$100,000. If convicted, the defendant could be sentenced to a maximum of four years in state prison.

Carlos, who was with the Carson Sheriff's Station, was charged in connection with a March 2007 sting by the South Bay Internet Enforcement Task Force. Authorities said the charges arose from Internet contact the defendant had with a police detective posing as a 13-year-old girl.

The defendant had been on paid leave since his arrest on March 31. Earlier this month, a spokesman for Sheriff Lee Baca announced that the sheriff had started termination proceedings

against Carlos. He had been with the Sheriff's Department seven years.

Carlos was arrested in late March and freed on bail pending completion of the investigation and review of the evidence by the District Attorney's Office.

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