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## Former SPD cop faces child sex charges

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SYLVESTER, GA - A former Sylvester Police Officer was arrested by Sylvester Police this morning, when he tried to meet who he thought was a 14-year-old girl for sex.

48-year-old John Thomas DeGuire, who lives in Tifton, was arrested at 8:30 this morning at Jeffords Park in Sylvester. Investigators from the Sylvester Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children took pictures from his facebook page.

Investigators say for the last week DeGuire thought he was communicating over the computer with a 14-year-old girl, but really it was a police officer.

They searched DeGuire's home and car and seized his computer. DeGuire is charged with computer child exploitation, intent to commit child molestation, and enticing a child for indecent purposes.

Investigators say more charges could be filed. He was a Sylvester officer in the 1990's.



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