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## Prison guard arrested in Internet sex sting in Manatee

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MANATEE -- A state prison guard has been arrested for trying to have sex with a 14-year-old girl he thought he had met over the Internet, according to the Manatee County Sheriff's Office. Instead, he was communicating with an undercover detective.

William Abraham of Parrish, who is a correctional officer with the Hardee Correctional Institution, was arrested at 4:47 p.m. Thursday after he went to a "rendezvous locale," according to a news release.

During the communication with the undercover detective, Abraham expressed a desire to travel and to have sex with whom he thought was the teenage girl. A meet was arranged and when he arrived, Abraham was arrested, according to the report.

Abraham faces charges for traveling to meet a minor to have sex, using a computer to solicit a minor for sex and attempted lewd and lascivious. Bond information was not available.

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