

Oakland, Florida Police Department officer arrested for child porn

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Polk County, Florida -- A Florida police officer has been accused of committing a disturbing crime: distributing sexual pictures of a child on social media.

The victim is just 2 years old. FBI agents and Polk County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested the Orlando area police officer by Wednesday evening.

Deputies are investigating another image and they urge anyone who thinks this suspect has other victims to come forward.

Deputies say "James King" online is really Joshua Smith, 32, an Oakland police officer near Orlando who has been on the force for 9 years.

"It is appalling and outrageous to all law enforcement who worked this case and will outrage others around the country," said Sheriff Grady Judd.

Authorities say he sent this message unknowingly to an agent on social media: "No limit perv dad here, looking for someone like minded to talk with. Hit me up if interested." And he sent sexual images of a 2 year old to prove he had a live child. And the affidavit also mentions talk of sexual acts committed.

"What we found was absolutely startling, we had photos of a very young child and when detectives and FBI went into his residence we found that very young child wearing the exact same clothes. We won't say the relationship, other than it is a 2 year old he had access to."

As for the child, deputies say she is with her mother, who they say had no idea any of this was going on.

Oakland residents say they remember the officer helping students cross the street at the school next door to police headquarters.

Deputies say the Oakland police department is cooperating, and Chief Steven R. Thomas says the department is shocked and disturbed by the news.

Smith is charged with one count of direct/promote sexual performance of a child, but more charges are pending, as detectives analyze Smith's computer devices and his cell phone. He is being held on \$150,000 bond.