

## Feds: Pasco deputy came to Broward to meet teen for sex

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### 2015 Cop Pedophile Matthew Bondi

A law enforcement officer was arrested Tuesday night after he showed up to meet a 15-year-old boy for sex in Davie, authorities said.

Matthew Bondi, 22, a Pasco County Sheriff's deputy, whose most recent address is listed in Deerfield Beach, is facing a federal charge of luring or enticing a minor into sexual activity.

In early June, Bondi and the teen started exchanging very graphic messages through an online service, according to a criminal complaint by Davie Detective Adam Granit.

Granit wrote that he took control of the teen's phone in mid-July and began communicating with Bondi. Granit pretended he was the boy.

In one recent exchange, Bondi asked the teen to send him a photo.

"I need you to prove it's you I'm talking to before I meet with you. You have two cameras on ur phone the back camera and the front facing camera they can't both be broke Yea I've never really done this either dude and u keep saying ur age for some reason over and over and now I'm sketched out cause I don't wanna get in trouble I just want to make sure I'm talking to [the teen's first name] so I want some photos that's all," Bondi wrote, according to court records.

Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco immediately fired Bondi, who was still a probationary employee because he had worked there for only about nine months.

Bondi, who used the name "John" on Kik and Snapchat, had extremely explicit online conversations about sex with the teen, according to investigators.

After the Davie detective began impersonating the teen online, investigators said Bondi sent a message on Saturday that read, "Hey I'm in South Florida," accompanied by a photo of a naked person's back and buttocks, lying face down on a bed.

In the next few days, Granit wrote that he replied to Bondi's messages and told Bondi he was a 15-year-old virgin.

Bondi then asked the "teen" to meet him for sex and asked if the minor would be able to stay overnight at a hotel, according to court records.

Bondi arranged to meet the 15-year-old at 8 p.m. Tuesday night at Pine Ridge Plaza on State Road 84, authorities said.

Davie police said they arrested Bondi when he showed up at the plaza in a black Ford F-150 truck and sent a message that he had arrived. Police said they searched the vehicle and found an iPhone with some of the messages the two had exchanged.

"Bondi admitted to communicating with [the teen] using Snapchat and Kik. Bondi stated that [the teen] told him several times he was 15 years old. Bondi advised that he was planning on having sex with [the boy] at a hotel. Bondi admitted that he screwed up," Granit wrote in court records.

Few details were discussed during Bondi's brief initial appearance Wednesday morning in federal court in Fort Lauderdale.

Dressed in dark blue jail scrubs, shackled and handcuffed to a chain around his waist, Bondi told U.S. Magistrate Judge Lurana Snow he didn't have enough money to hire a lawyer.

Bondi spoke only briefly in court, telling the judge he had been earning about \$3,000 a month but had no significant assets.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine Koontz told the judge that prosecutors want Bondi to remain locked up pending trial, because of the nature of the allegation.

The judge appointed Assistant Federal Public Defender Jan Smith to represent Bondi.

Bondi, who has not yet indicated if he will fight the charge, is scheduled to be in court Friday for a bond hearing.

The investigation was conducted by Davie police detectives who work with the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force.

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