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**Man Arrested for Using Internet to Solicit Sex with Minor**  
(The Villages, Florida)



Sumter County sheriff's detectives arrested Jeffrey Bieberfeld, 62, of The Villages charging him with using the Internet to solicit or entice the guardian of a minor for sex. In June, sheriff's detectives responded to a Craigslist ad posted by Bieberfeld who was interested in relationships between dad and son, uncle and nephew, brothers, or any of the "taboo couplings."

Sheriff's detectives posed as the uncle of a 14 year boy and communicated with Bieberfeld over the Internet and by telephone. Bieberfeld expressed his sexual interests in them and would enjoy in assisting in the teen's sexual development. Bieberfeld suggested meeting at a Sumter County location but was reluctant to do so due to recent publicized law enforcement operations such as "Project STARCOP." Project STARCOP was an undercover operation conducted by the sheriff's office in March 2011 that resulted in the arrest of twenty-two individuals using the Internet to locate and meet minors for the purpose of sexually exploiting them.

Sheriff's detectives arrested Bieberfeld at his Sumter County residence without incident. He was charged with Use of the Internet to Solicit or Entice the Custodian of a Child for Sex and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device. He was taken to the Sumter County Detention Center in lieu of a \$7,000 dollar bond.

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