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Webster Woman Facing Minor Sex Charges
(Webster, Fl.)



Melanie K. Cornell, 34, of Webster has been arrested by sheriff's detectives and charged with Unlawful Sexual Activity with a Certain Minor. The victim is a 17 year old male whom Ms. Cornell had befriended. The sexual contact between she and the minor male occurred at her Webster residence and was discovered after the victim's mother discovered suspicious text messages between the two on a cellular phone.

The subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Ms. Cornell and to the discovery that the pair may have engaged in sexual activity in other jurisdictions outside the state of Florida. Sheriff's detectives are working to identify those locations. Ms. Cornell is being held in the Sumter County Detention Center with her bond set at \$5,000 dollars.

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