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December 8, 2011 (Lake Panasoffkee, Florida)

Lake Panasoffkee Man Facing Child Sex Charges



Sumter Sheriff's detectives have charged Waylon G. Croom, 31, of Lake Panasoffkee with six counts of Sexual Battery. On December 8, 2011, at approximately 6:40 p.m., sheriff's deputies were called to a Lake Panasoffkee residence to investigate a report of Croom having sexual contact with a 13 year old female, which was discovered by the victim's mother while the unlawful sexual activity was occurring. The suspect fled the residence but was later located and arrested by sheriff's deputies.

Sheriff's detectives interviewed Croom who confessed to having sexual contact with the female. Detectives determined that Croom had sexual contact with the victim at least six times during the previous year. Croom has been taken to the Sumter County Detention Center where he is being held in lieu of an \$180,000 bond.

The victim's identity is not being released due to her age and nature of the offense, but she was not injured.

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