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State Corrections Officer Arrested

Bushnell, FL. – October 10, 2012



A Florida Department of Corrections Officer has been arrested after sending threatening text messages to a female victim. Christopher J. Garland, 43, of Floral City has been arrested on a Sumter County warrant charging him with one count of Written Threats to Kill or Do Bodily Injury, a second degree felony.

On October 7, 2012, the victim filed a report with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office after receiving several threatening text messages from Garland, who is employed as a Corrections Officer at Lake Correctional Institute in Clermont, Florida. Sumter detectives obtained a warrant for Garland's arrest; Garland was arrested on today's date at 1:59 p.m. by a Lake County Deputy at the correctional facility since the facility is located within Lake County. Garland was taken to the Lake County Jail and his bond was set at \$5,000 dollars.

The victim's identity is not being revealed.

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