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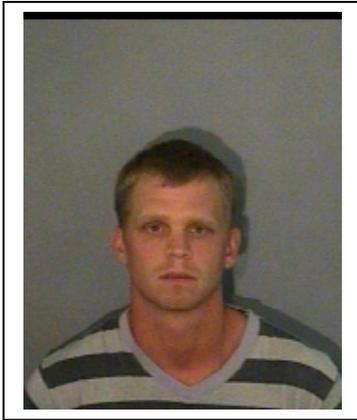
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## Man Arrested for Exposing Sexual Organs

The Villages, FL. – March 13, 2013



A Marion County man is facing charges in connection with exposing his sexual organ to a group of minors traveling on a school bus.

Thomas Scott Hoffman, 24, of Summerfield was arrested by Sumter Sheriff's Detective Athena Ross who was investigating a report that a man had exposed himself and masturbated to a group of Marion County students who were being transported to an out of county event. The incident occurred on March 7, 2013 as the group was traveled on Highway 441 in The Villages near CR 109. The students reported that as the man drove beside the bus, he exposed himself and masturbated while looking at the students on the bus. The alert students noted the man's description, type of vehicle he was driving, and the vehicle's license plate before reporting the incident to school officials.

The incident was initially reported to the Marion County Sheriff's Office who forwarded the complaint to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. After Hoffman was positively identified, he met with Detective Ross at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office where he was arrested. He is charged with three (3) counts of Lewd and Lascivious Exhibition (Child less than 16) and two (2) counts of Exposure of Sexual Organs, and was taken to the Sumter County Detention Center in lieu of no bond.

Hoffman may face additional charges in Marion County as the Marion County Sheriff's Office is investigating a 2011 and 2012 case of similar to the Sumter County case in which he has been identified as a suspect.

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