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Arrest – Distribution Of Child Pornography

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office has arrested a correctional officer employed at the Sumter County Detention Center stemming from a CyberTip regarding suspected child pornography. Andrew Taylor Thomas Wills, a 27-year-old correctional officer employed at the Sumter County Detention Center since September 10, 2019, has been charged with (2) counts of Distribution of Child Pornography in violation of Florida Statute 847.011.

The CyberTip information was based upon a digital image, which had been uploaded to the social media website known as Discord. The image depicted a female child appearing to be between 9 and 12 years of age. Subpoena information ultimately led detectives to Wills' residence in Wildwood, Florida. On February 11, 2020, detectives from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at Wills' residence and seized electronics equipment for analysis.

Detectives were ultimately able to tie Andrew Wills to the original image uploaded to Discord. Wills had been on Administrative Leave since February 11th, and on today's date he was arrested while at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Farmer announces that Andrew Wills' employment at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office has been terminated. Wills was booked into the Sumter County Detention Center and his bond was set at \$4,000 in accordance with the established bond schedule determined by the courts.

Sheriff Farmer states that he is disappointed and saddened that this involved one of our own but it's important that we take action and ensure our community trust. This investigation is still open and additional charges are possible.

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