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PRESS RELEASE

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DeKalb Police arrest Student Mentor for Sexual Assault

On May 14th, 2018, the DeKalb Police Department was notified of a sexual assault that occurred on May 12th, in the 800 block of Edgebrook. The victim, who resides in another city, reported that he was sexually assaulted by a 25-year-old male by the name of “Cesar Leanos”. The minor child, who is under 17 years of age, met the suspect on a social media application called GRINDR. The suspect picked up the minor child from his residence in the evening hours of May 12th. The suspect drove the minor child to the suspects apartment on Edgebrook. Once inside the suspect apartment, the minor child was sexually assaulted. The victim reported that he was driven home by the suspect the following day.

On May 15th, investigators located video surveillance of the suspect arriving and leaving his residence with the minor child. On May 24th, investigators overheard and recorded conversations between the suspect and the minor child. The suspect was identified as Flavio C. Leanos-Macias.

On May 29th, investigator spoke with Flavio C. Leanos-Macias and learned of more victims. Through the course of the interview it was also learned that Flavio Leanos-Macias mentors students at DeKalb High School as part of the Kishwaukee College Upward Bound Program.

On May 29th and 30th, DeKalb Police worked with DeKalb School District 428 to ensure the safety of their students. Through conversations with District 428, it was learned that Flavio Leanos -Macias is not mentoring students at this time.

On May 29th, DeKalb Police spoke with another minor under the age of 16 who reported that he has had contact with Flavio C. Leanos-Macias. The minor child reported that he met Flavio-Macias on a social media application called HORNET. Over the last ten days, conversations took place between the minor child and suspect by phone and in person. These conversations attempted to entice the minor to engage in sexual activity.

On May 30th, an arrest warrant was issued for Flavio C. Leanos-Macias, 25 years of age. Bond was set at \$100,000 for the offenses of: Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, Criminal Sexual Assault, Traveling to Meet a Minor Child, and Unlawful Grooming. He was subsequently arrested and taken into custody without incident.

DeKalb Police Investigators have reason to believe that there may be more victims. If you have any information regarding this investigation or information regarding other potential victims, please contact the DeKalb Police Department or Crime Stoppers.

This investigation was worked in conjunction with the DeKalb County States Attorney's Office and DeKalb School District 428.

Contact: Commander Bob Redel

The contents of this press release are based upon the best information available to the DeKalb Police Department. The statements regarding the conduct of any person identified above are allegations until affirmatively proven in court. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

