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Sheriff's Deputies arrest two-timing Internet child predator suspect

- ◆ ***Battle Creek man made two dates for underage sex for one night, but both were with undercover officers from two counties***

What are the odds?

That's what Internet investigators from two counties are asking after Wayne County Sheriff Internet Crime Unit deputies arrested a 39-year-old Battle Creek man after he allegedly drove to metro Detroit to have sex with two different underage girls, according to Sheriff Warren C. Evans.

Unfortunately for **Brian Maguire**, however, the two dates he arranged for Tuesday night were not with the 13-year-old girls he had expected. In reality, he had been chatting separately with undercover officers from Wayne and Macomb County's Internet units.



After Maguire arrived at a prearrange rendezvous location in Wayne County and was placed under arrest, deputies learned that he also had been chatting with Macomb Area Computer Enforcement (MACE) investigators, with whom he had arranged a meeting for the same night. The two units often share investigative and arrest information.

Mr. Maguire never made it to his date in Macomb County, Evans said, because by time he was scheduled to arrive, he already was sitting in the Wayne County Jail.

Such long treks by child predators are growing increasingly common, Evans added.

"This is a phenomenon we are seeing more often, people who think they can arrange for sex with a child in another city, leave town and disappear into the night," Evans said. "Most likely, that's because they think it will be harder to find them. The reality is that with the Internet, tracking a suspect to a remote location can be easier."

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During his three chats with Wayne County deputies during the month of November, Evans said that Maguire made it clear that he believed he was chatting with an underage girl.

“When our officer said he was a 13-year-old female, he responded, ‘I like women your age.’ That seems to suggest he may have had interaction with other children of this age,” Evans said.

Maguire allegedly also offered to get the two a hotel room, order pizza and then have sex with the girl.

Further investigation also revealed that Maguire was convicted of possession of child pornography in 2002, when the crime was still a misdemeanor in Michigan. He spent 30 days in the Calhoun County Jail for that offense.

Evans said that this case should remind parents how driven child predators can be.

“It’s a compulsion they can’t control and they are willing to go to great lengths to satisfy their urges. Parents need to understand the threats that are out there and make sure they are monitoring their children’s Internet usage very closely,” Evans said.

Maguire was arraigned in Hamtramck District Court on three counts of Illegal Use of the Internet, a 20-year-felony. He is being held on \$200,000 cash bond. His next court date is December 13th.