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## Saginaw man arrested in connection with Taylor mom's child exploitation case

◆ ***Suspect is 2<sup>nd</sup> charged with arranging sex with woman's 7-year-old daughter***



A Saginaw man has been charged with attempting to arrange to have sex with the seven-year-old daughter of the same Taylor woman who now sits in prison for offering a similar deal earlier this year to an undercover Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy.

Sheriff Warren C. Evans and Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy announced today that Chad Gorzela, 32, turned himself in Thursday morning and has been charged on five child sex related felonies.

Staff from Evans' and Worthy's offices have been investigating Gorzela for several months since deputies arrested the 34-year-old Taylor mother in March. During the course of the investigation into the woman, it was established that she and Gorzela had been arranging through email conversations to allow Gorzela to have sex with the same child the woman had offered to the Sheriff's Deputy. Gorzela allegedly also had emailed the mother child porn movies over the Internet, which were found on the woman's computer.

The mother's motive in her case involving the undercover deputy was to allow the officer to take photos of the girl as he sexually molested her, then sell the photos to child porn collectors. According to investigators, Gorzela and the mother never discussed money, just sex.

"In this case, there was no talk of financial payment. It appears the mother was willing to let her own child be raped by Mr. Gorzela, simply as a form of recreation," Evans said. "No case better illustrates why we have deputies dedicated to patrolling the Internet to protect innocent children."

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Evans and Worthy have not released the name of the Taylor woman to protect the identity of the girl and her four siblings.

Case slowed after suspect erases hard drive

Shortly after the Taylor mom's arrest, Saginaw authorities executed a search warrant on Gorzela's home, only to find that he had just erased his computer's hard drive. Much of the past several months have been spent unsuccessfully attempting to retrieve data from his computer.

Although investigators were unable to retrieve any useful information from Gorzela's computer, Worthy said there was enough evidence obtained from the Taylor mom's computer and Mr. Gorzela's Internet service provider to verify his involvement in this case. She also said this case should serve as a warning about the perils of the Internet.

"We have to be vigilant in our monitoring the Internet to protect against predators lurking in cyberspace," said Prosecutor Worthy. "The allegations are that the defendant was preparing to engage in child sexually abusive activity with young children. Although the Internet can be used to read the news or find directions, in this case it was used as a dangerous weapon."

Gorzela was arraigned Thursday in 23<sup>rd</sup> District Court on the following charges:

- 1- Child Sexually Abusive Activity - 20 yr
- 2 - Using the Internet for Child Sexually Abusive Activity - 20yr
- 3 & 4 - Distributing Child Sexually Abusive Material (child porn) - 7 yr each
- 5 - Using the Internet to Distribute Child Sexually Abusive Material (child porn) - 10 yrs

Gorzela is being held at the Wayne County Jail on \$500,000 (10%) bond. His next court date is December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Update on the related cases:

- The Taylor mom pled guilty in August to all counts and is serving a 9-20 year sentence in state prison.
- Downriver resident, Nicholas Alley, recently pled guilty to Child Sexually Abusive Activity and will be sentenced November 30<sup>th</sup>. He also had been arranging with the Taylor woman to have sex with her seven-year-old daughter.