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Sheriff seeks new charge against Taylor mom

- *Evans says woman was arranging for a 2nd man to sexually abuse her child*

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans today announced that he is seeking an additional child sex abuse-related charge against the 33-year-old Taylor mom his deputies arrested two weeks ago after the woman allegedly arranged to have her daughter photographed while being sexually abused. The woman actually had been communicating with an undercover sheriff's deputy and was arrested when she brought her daughter, 7, to a Romulus hotel for the meet.

In a new twist on this already disturbing case, Evans says that his investigators have uncovered emails that shows the woman, whose name Evans is withholding to protect the identity of her children, had been making similar arrangements with another man.

"We now have evidence that clearly indicates this woman was arranging for a second adult male to sexually abuse her child," Evans said. "If not for our investigation, this time there would have been no deputy to intercede on behalf of the child."

According to Evans, forensic investigation conducted on the woman's home computer has turned up email communications with a mid-Michigan man that clearly indicate the mom was intending to let the man sexually abuse at least one of her children, possibly the same seven-year-old girl she brought to the hotel.

Based on that evidence, sheriff's investigators have asked the Prosecutor's Office to add a second count of Child Sexually Abusive Behavior - preparing/arranging for child sexually abusive material, a 20 year felony. The woman already has four felony charges and one misdemeanor charge pending.

"Although the two did not specify the type of abuse to take place, it was clear it was going sexual," Evans said. Evans said the man also offered to pay the woman for the experience, but no specific amount was mentioned.

Evans said the new charge will be formally brought against the woman at her preliminary examination, which has been rescheduled from April 12 to May 3 in Hamtramck District Court.

An examination of the woman's computer revealed that she and the mid-Michigan man had been exchanging pornographic images of children. The mother has already been charged for her role in this criminal activity

Michigan State Police will be conducting the half of the investigation that pertains to the mid-Michigan man to determine whether enough evidence exists to bring charges against him. State Police investigators have seized his computer and will be conducting a forensic analysis of its hard drive. Sheriff's investigators are working closely with MSP on this case, Evans said.

"This is a sad new chapter in this case," Evans added. "But now, more than ever, we know that we have prevented a tragedy from taking place."