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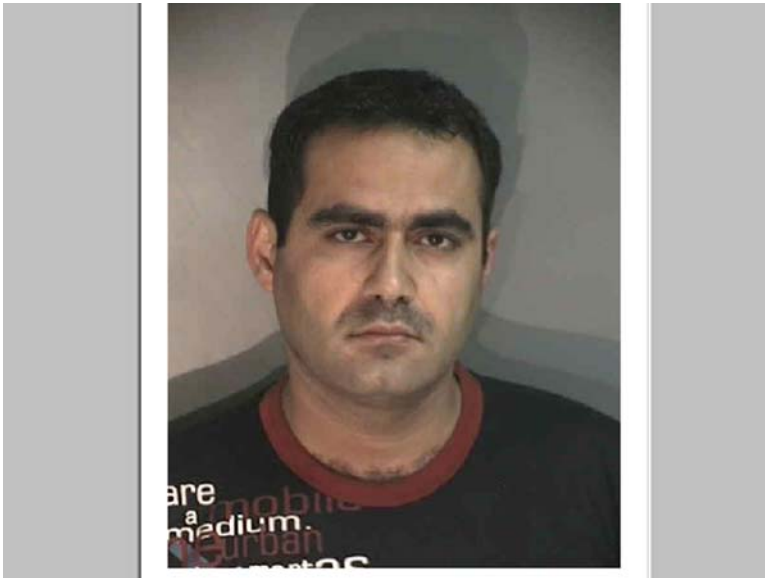
# News Release

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## Deputies arrest 27-year-old man seeking sex with 15-year-old girl



### ◆ ***Dearborn resident has been in the country only 6 months, faces deportation***

Online investigators with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office have arrested a married father of two young children for allegedly attempting to arrange to have sex with who he thought was a 15-year-old girl but who was in fact an undercover Sheriff's Deputy, Sheriff Warren Evans said today.

Ahmed Al-Mahdy, an Iraqi national who has been in the United States only six months, faces possible deportation if convicted of Illegal Use of the Internet & Child Sexually Abusive Activity, which are punishable to up to 20 years in prison. Evans said similar cases have resulted in the deportation of at least six men over the past five years.

Evans said that Al-Mahdy, whose screen name was “baghdad\_alhazeenna,” had been chatting with an officer since late May and on several occasions had stated his desire to have sex with the deputy’s 15-year-old undercover profile. Al-Mahdy had set up two prior rendezvous with deputies, but did not show up for either one. It was at the third arranged meeting on Friday that Al-Mahdy finally showed up.

According to Evans, Al-Mahdy indicated in his chats that he knew it was illegal for him to have sex with the girl, but that he would be gentle with her since he understood it would be her first time.

“That is consistent with what we have seen with most of our cases,” Evans said. “They know it’s illegal but they think they can get away with it. No matter how many times they may see or hear about someone else getting caught, they still think that they won’t. It’s part of the compulsion that makes these men such a risk to young children everywhere.”

Evans said that Al-Mahdy’s plan for the girl was never clear, other than his intention to have sex with her.

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“He went back and forth between wanting to have sex in his car or a friend’s car that has darkened windows in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant, or to take her to a hotel,” Evans said.

Al-Mahdy was video arraigned this weekend and is being held at the Wayne County Jail on \$100,000 bond. Evans said that his officers requested a high bond because he wanted to know how soon he could go back home to Iraq.

“While he may eventually be deported back to Iraq anyway, there was some concern that he could be a flight risk during his prosecution,” Evans said.