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Wayne County deputies arrest 3 Saginaw area "Cyber Flashers" in Internet underage sex sting

◆ *Men charged with exposing themselves online to undercover investigators*

Wayne County and Saginaw County Sheriff's deputies yesterday arrested three Saginaw County men for allegedly exposing themselves over the Internet to what they believed were underage girls, Sheriff Warren Evans announced today. The three "Cyber Flashers," who range in age from 23 to 38, had been chatting online with undercover deputies with the Wayne County Sheriff's Internet Crime Unit.

Deputies coordinated with the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office to execute a series of three search warrants at the suspects' homes. Evans said that because all of the men lived in the same county, it made sense to combine the search warrants into one coordinated operation.

"We had three good cases on these individuals and because we had the search warrants in hand, we were able to bundle them together and execute them all in one day," Evans said. "Hopefully this sends a strong message to people that we can, and do, work with agencies across the state to arrest these predators."

Evans said that each of the men implicated themselves to investigators conducting the search warrants and were taken into custody and transported back to the Wayne County jail Thursday afternoon.

The suspects are:

- **Christopher Flanders, 36, of Burt.** Flanders, whose screen name was sxyboy47, had chatted with an investigator posing as a 14-year-old girl between March and May of 2008. During the chats, Flanders said he was only 26 years old. In May, he allegedly exposed himself to the officer using his web camera.
- **Timothy Linhart, 38, of Hemlock.** Linhart, also claimed to younger than he is, saying he was just 17 years old. He was much more graphic in his chats, describing in explicit detail the sexual things he wanted to do with the "girl," who he believed was 15 years old. During his chats, Linhart also used his web camera to expose himself to the undercover officer.

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- **Anthony Broemer, 23, of Carrollton.** Broemer was the most graphic of the three, going into very graphic details of the types of sexual activity he was interested in. When the undercover officer indicated to Broemer that she had just turned 15, he allegedly replied, *“mmm like yng girls.”* During their chat conversations, investigators say that Broemer emailed six images of his genitalia.

“The operation went flawlessly, and could not have been pulled of without the significant help the Saginaw County Sheriff,” Evans said. “They had officers waiting for us who were of great assistance in getting us from location to location and assisting us with the search warrants and arrests. That is the kind of cooperative police work that citizens in both our counties should be proud of,” Evans said.

Each of the suspects were arraigned in 31st District Court today and are being held at the Wayne Count Jail. Below is their respective charge/bond information.

BROEMER, Anthony DOB: 09/29/1985

BOND: \$100,000 10%

- (1) count Illegal Use of the Internet: Accosting and Soliciting a Minor - Felony (10) yrs
- (1) count Accosting and Solciting a Minor - Felony (4) yrs
- (1) count Illegal Use of the Internet: Dissemination of Obscene Material Minor - Felony (4) yrs
- (1) count Disseminationg of Obscene Material Minor - Felony (2) yrs

FLANDERS, Christopher DOB: 12/23/1971

BOND: \$50,000 10%

- (1) count Illegal Use of the Internet: Dissemination of Obscene Material Minor - Felony (4) yrs
- (1) count Attempt Dissemination Obscene Material to Minor - Misd. (1) yr

LINHART, Timothy DOB: 12/28/1969

BOND: \$50,000 10%

- (2) count Illegal Use of the Internet: Dissemination of Obscene Material Minor - Felony (4) yrs
- (1) count Dissemination of Obscene Material Minor - Misd. (1) yr