



# News Release

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**Kenneth Coontz, Chief of Police**

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: July 21, 2016**

**No. # 46**

**Subject: Subject Arrested - Matthew K. Michaels**

The Mansfield Division of Police along with help from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation Task force would like to announce the arrest of Matthew K. Michaels of Galion, Ohio.

Detectives responded to a posting for sex on a social media website. Mr. Michaels responded to the Detectives inquiry and after lengthy conversation Mr. Michaels set up a meeting with who he believed was a 13 year old female. Upon showing up to the meeting Mr. Michaels was arrested by Mansfield Police and Task Force members.

Mr. Michaels was charged with Importuning (Felony of the fifth degree) and Attempted Unlawful sexual conduct with minor (Felony of the third degree). He was incarcerated at the Richland County Jail. Mr. Michaels is awaiting further charges from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The Mansfield Division of Police would like to make the public aware of this incident and if anyone has any additional information on this case, please call the police at 419-755-9724.

Lt. Robert Skropits commented "The Mansfield Division of Police takes the safety of our citizens seriously, especially our young citizens and will not tolerate any of them being preyed upon."



Matthew K. Michaels  
W/ M / 58  
Galion, Ohio