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TWO MEN ARRESTED AFTER MEETING UNDERAGE GIRL ONLINE FOR SEX

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In October 2015, Burbank Police Juvenile Detectives began investigating the rape of a 17 year-old female resident from Burbank. Detectives learned the minor had met adult males via online dating websites. She ultimately met with two of the males in-person. The minor described having independent sexual relationships with both men over the course of about one month in October 2015.

During the investigation, detectives were able to identify two suspects in this case using statements and digital evidence. The suspects were identified as 33 year-old North Hollywood resident, Michael Alan Kalec and 33 year-old Los Angeles resident, Michael Jeffrey Kowalczyk.

Investigators secured an arrest warrant for Kowalczyk, as well as a search warrant for his residence, which were served on February 3, 2016. Kowalczyk has since been formally charged by the LA County District Attorney's Office for having sex with a minor - more than three years younger than him and for sodomy.

Kowalczyk was booked and is currently out of custody after posting a \$270,000 bond. His court date is pending.

On March 3, 2016, investigators served an arrest warrant and search warrant on Kalec, who has a prior conviction for having sex with a minor. He was arrested for having sex with a minor - more than three years younger than him and oral copulation on a minor. Kalec posted \$70,000 bail and is due to appear in court on March 24. Records show Kalec was not required to register as a sex offender after his previous conviction.

No additional victims or suspects are being sought in connection with this investigation.

The Burbank Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to monitor their children's internet activity and stay aware of whom they are meeting, both online and in-person. Refer to this <u>pamphlet</u> published by the FBI and US Department of Justice.

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