

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police

Date: January 24, 2020

Special Victims Bureau / Exploited Children Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Pandering Obscenity Involve Minor

Date: January 23, 2020 Time: 8:58am

Location of Offense/Incident: 225 North Hague Ave

Zone: 3

Precinct: 19

Incident Report #: 203001668

Cruiser District: 192

Victim: Juvenile

Sex: F

Race: W

Age: 14

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Cleven W. Smash III

Address: 4552 Castle Point, Colorado Springs, CO

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 20

Charges: Unlawful Sexual Conduct w/a minor and Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: During 2019 juvenile victim began communicating online with the suspect. In January 2020, the suspect showed up unexpectedly at the victim's home. On January 22, 2020, the victim was reported missing by her parents. The victim and suspect were located downtown not far from the Greyhound bus station by CPD Patrol officers. It is believed the suspect and victim were attempting to flee to Colorado. Both were taken into custody.

Subsequently, investigative questioning was conducted by Detectives in the Special Victim's Bureau. During this questioning it was learned that several unlawful acts had occurred between the juvenile victim and the suspect.

The suspect was charged with the listed charges and more charges are expected upon additional investigation and presentation to the Franklin County Grand Jury.

Detective David Blubaugh #1979 is the Lead Investigator in the case, Detective Ron Grocki #2141 is assisting.

This case is another reminder to parents to be mindful of your children's online activities.

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