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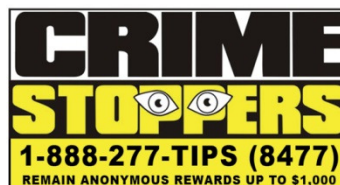
ST. JOHNS COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR SOLICITATING A CHILD FOR SEX

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A 24 year old St. Johns County man was arrested this (Monday) afternoon by Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigators for soliciting and traveling to meet a child for sex. The suspect, identified as **Dakota Colton Lewis**, 24, 1012 Berry Ridge Ct., was charged with solicitation of a child for sex, traveling to meet a minor for sex, and unlawful use of a two-way communication device.

Last month, a Sheriff's Office ICAC detective began conversing with a male on an undisclosed internet site, who was later identified as Lewis. After approximately two weeks of communication between the undercover detective and the suspect, Lewis solicited a meeting for the purpose of sexually abusing the child. On today's date, Lewis was taken into custody by ICAC detectives without incident. He was booked into the St. Johns County Jail on no bond pending a first appearance hearing Tuesday morning.

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