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ONE MORE ARREST STEMMING FROM OPERATION: CRUEL SUMMER

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A 20th man was arrested in connection with a summertime undercover operation that targeted suspects that allegedly used the Internet for exploiting minors for sex. The latest suspect was identified as **David Eugene Labelle**, 53, Jacksonville. With assistance from JSO, Labelle was picked up this morning and questioned by SJSO ICAC Detectives. Labelle was charged with soliciting a child or person believed to be a child for unlawful sexual conduct using a computer and the unlawful use of a two way communication device. He was booked into the Duval County Jail on bonds totaling \$20,000.

Labelle has been consistently communicating with the undercover detective's child persona since the week of the operation in July, describing in detail how he wanted to sexually abuse the child. The investigation led to his identity and an arrest warrant was obtained.

The operation, which occurred in July, involved undercover detectives posing as juveniles online to arrange for unknown suspects to meet with them at an undisclosed location in the county.

The operation was led by SJSO Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Detectives under the auspices of the North Florida ICAC Task Force. Assisting agencies included F.D.L.E., Office of the State Attorney 7th Judicial Circuit, the Sheriff's Offices of St. Johns, Putnam and Okaloosa Counties, as well as Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Police Departments of St. Augustine Beach, Orange Park and Gainesville.

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