

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Fort Payne Man Arrested for Enticing a Child**

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On Friday afternoon (August 28), School Resource Officer Chip Richards was advised that a 14-year-old female from the Fyffe area had been receiving text messages from a 34-year-old man. Deputy Richards obtained the phone from the girl, and it was later turned over to Chief Deputy Michael Edmondson, who continued using the girl's phone to text the man, identified as David J. Shultz, 34, of Fort Payne. They texted throughout the weekend and into Tuesday night. A meeting had been arranged to occur between Shultz and the girl for Tuesday night at approximately 8:00 p.m. When Shultz arrived at the meeting spot, he was met by Sheriff's Deputies, Special Response Team Members, Fyffe Police Department Officers, and Drug Task Force Agents. He was arrested and charged with Enticing a Child for Immoral Purposes. He was transported to the DeKalb County Jail, where he remains on \$80,000 bond.

A search was done of Shultz's house this morning, from which a computer was seized.

Sheriff Harris said, "We continue to encourage parents to monitor their children's cell phone and computer use. You just never know when someone might be inappropriately contacting them. There is no reason why we shouldn't stay informed about who our kids are talking to and what's going on in their lives.

We really appreciate the cooperation and assistance we received from our fellow officers, especially from Fyffe Police Chief Jake Fowler and his Department. These kinds of operations happen as smoothly as they do because we have such good working relationships among our area agencies."

