



SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE



PRESS RELEASE



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Investigators from the Bedford County Sheriff's Office and Lynchburg Police Department executed a search warrant on 7/28/10 at 2122 hrs in Bedford County as part of a multi-jurisdictional investigation into the sexual exploitation of children.

Investigators served a search warrant at 1104 Abbey Place, Forest, VA to gather evidence in an investigation regarding a complaint of Indecent Liberties with a Child.

The investigation began when the Lynchburg Police Department received a report of the allegations involving a juvenile male resident. The mother of the victim found suspicious interaction with an adult female on the victim's cell phone and notified the Lynchburg Police Department. Bedford County Sheriff's Office became involved when it was determined that the user of the cell phone resided in Forest.

At the conclusion of the search warrant, investigators arrested Valarie H. Casto, W/F/39 of 1104 Abbey Place, Forest VA on one count of Indecent Liberties with a Child While in a Custodial Relationship and one count of Attempted Indecent Liberties with a Child While in a Custodial Relationship. She was transported to the Blue Ridge Regional Jail in Lynchburg and was held on a \$10,000 secured bond

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office and the Lynchburg Police Department are members of the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, headquartered in Bedford County.

The investigation is continuing. If anyone has any knowledge that may be helpful regarding this incident to please notify the Bedford County Sheriff's Office 540-586-7827 or Det. Ann Riley, Lynchburg Police Department 434-455-6054.