



SHASTA COUNTY SHERIFF

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[MEDIA RELEASE]

Major Crimes Unit Detectives Arrest Child Predator

Throughout the month of June, the Shasta County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit had an undercover decoy posing as a 14-year-old girl on an online platform. The undercover decoy had been chatting with a 31-year-old male, later identified as Bronson Remington Ruzicka, of Redding. Ruzicka began sending explicit messages to the undercover decoy via messaging. Ruzicka then began messaging the undercover decoy arranging for her to meet with him for the purposes of having sexual relations. As a result of this investigation, a Felony Arrest Warrant was obtained on June 25, 2025.

On Friday, June 27, 2025, Ruzicka arrived at a predetermined meeting location to meet with the decoy minor for the purposes of having sexual relations. Detectives with the Major Crimes Unit, Shasta Interagency Narcotics Task Force (SINTF), AB109 SAFE Team, along with Shasta County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies located Ruzicka, and he was taken into custody. During a search of his vehicle additional evidence was located indicating Ruzicka intended to carry out having sexual relations with the minor.

Upon taking Ruzicka into custody, a search warrant was served at his residence on the 4300 block of Agnes May Drive, Redding, and additional evidence was seized pursuant to this investigation.

Ruzicka was interviewed and later booked into the Shasta County Jail on the following charges:

- 288.2(a)(1) PC - Sending Harmful Material to a Minor
- 288.3(a)(1) PC - Distributing, Sending, or Exhibiting Harmful Material to a Minor
- Two Counts of 288.4(a)(1) PC - Arranging to Meet with a Minor with Sexual Intent
- Two Counts of 288.4(b)(1) PC - Arriving at a Meeting with a Minor with Sexual Intent

Ruzicka's bail was set at \$50,000.

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