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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Twiggs County Deputy Arrests Possible Kidnapping Suspect From Paulding County**

(Paulding County, GA) On Sunday December 7, 2014 the Paulding County Sheriff's Office took a report from a concerned family regarding the possible kidnapping of their 13 year old daughter. The family explained that their daughter had befriended an 18 year old white male name Keith Alan Dubel who was from Fort Pierce, Florida. The family knew the two had communicated in the past (via the internet), but were unaware of the seriousness of their relationship. The family stated that they believed their daughter might be with Dubel but were not sure.

On Saturday 12/06/14, the female juvenile went to spend the night with a friend and to a birthday party. When the friend, who lives in Paulding County, woke up the next morning the 13 year old juvenile was gone. The family, who was immediately concerned, called the Paulding County Sheriff's Office to report the female juvenile missing and possibly kidnapped. Once Detectives began obtaining more information, it was determined that the female juvenile was with Dubel and they were unsure whether or not the juvenile left willingly or if she was kidnapped.

Paulding County E-911 Operators immediately sent out a Nixle Missing Person Alert ([www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)) in reference to the missing juvenile/possible kidnapping while Detectives working the case alerted surrounding jurisdictions of the missing person/possible kidnapping. After they did not make contact with the female juvenile or Dubel, Detectives began to get concerned about her safety.

Corporal Jeremy Johnson of the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office, which is just southeast of Macon, is assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit where he performs traffic enforcement on Interstate 16. While he was on duty Sunday 12/07/14, Corporal Johnson observed a black in color Dodge Charger traveling east bound



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**with what appeared to be dark window tint. Corporal Johnson performed a traffic stop and encountered two very nervous individuals when he approached the vehicle.**

**Little did Corporal Johnson know, he had just stopped Dubel and the 13 year old juvenile. Once he began speaking with the two individuals, he could tell that they were extremely nervous and he smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from the passenger compartment of the vehicle. After he continued to speak with them, he knew the two had something to hide. Finally, after speaking with the female juvenile for some time, she admitted that she had left home and that the couple was enroute to Florida.**

**Corporal Johnson subsequently arrested Dubel and charged him with Window Tint Violation, Impeding the Flow of Traffic, and Possession of Marijuana Less Than One Ounce. The juvenile's family was contacted and they drove down to Twiggs County to pick her up.**

**Sheriff Gary Gulledge noted, "It is only with cooperation from citizens and other law enforcement agencies that we can adequately do our job. I want to commend Corporal Jeremy Johnson and Sheriff Darren Mitchum (of the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office), along with the all of the other Deputies that worked this case, for the fantastic job they did. As a result of their hard work and determination, this child was returned to her family before any serious harm could be done to her."**

**The Paulding County Sheriff's Office Crimes Against Children Division is still investigating this case and Dubel has more charges pending once he is transferred back to Paulding County.**