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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Man Arrested, Charged with Sexual Battery on a Child**

Sheriff's Detectives investigating a shooting at 28 Seamanship Trail in November of 2017 seized a cell phone belonging to Tristan George, 19, a victim and suspect in the shooting. Both George and Michael McRoberts, 21, suffered gunshot wounds from the incident.

The forensic analysis of the cell phone revealed several references to George having sexual intercourse with females fourteen years of age and younger. Text messages, video clips, photographs and social media accounts revealed inappropriate relationships with two minor females, as well as George providing marijuana and other narcotics to the victims.



Tristan George in a March 2017 booking photo.

Deputies made contact with Tristan George, DOB 2/1/1999, at the high school he attends on Thursday afternoon and he agreed to come to the Sheriff's Operations Center in Bunnell, FL, where he was arrested. He faces charges of lewd and lascivious battery on a child and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

"He preyed on vulnerable children and it is our job to protect them," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I'm sure it was difficult for the victim to come forward and tell the truth but I'm glad that she did in order to get

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this offender off the streets before he can hurt more children. Our detectives did an outstanding job on this case and I know they will continue to as the investigation carries on. This is also a reminder to parents to get involved with their children and know what is occurring on their cell phones and computers,” said Sheriff Staly.

George is currently being interviewed at the Sheriff’s Office and will then be booked into the Flagler County Detention Facility. He will be held on a \$40,000 bond.

This is an ongoing investigation and additional charges are pending. The shooting incident from November of 2017 is still under investigation.

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