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HPD, LSCO and GBI Make Arrest in Attempted Child Molestation Case

HINESVILLE, Ga. (Jan. 6, 2020) – On Tuesday, December 31, 2019, the Hinesville Police Department (HPD) arrested James Pritchard (43) of Midway after he made contact with a 14 year old Hinesville girl for indecent purposes.

Investigators and officers with HPD, the Liberty County Sheriff’s Office (LSCO) and Agent John Barry of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force were able to intercept contact between the suspect and child.

The suspect, who was attempting to meet with the child, was met instead with law enforcement at a predetermined location. He was arrested without incident and is currently being held at the Liberty County Regional Jail pending a \$20,000 bond. Charges include Enticing a Child for Indecent Purposes and Criminal Attempt to Commit Child Molestation.

This case is still under investigation and additional charges are pending.

If you have any additional information related to this case, please contact the Hinesville Police Department at 912.368.8211. For more information, please contact Whitney Morris-Reed, Public Relations Manager, at wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org or 912.408.3569.

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The [City of Hinesville](http://www.cityofhinesville.org) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit [cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org).