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Teen charged for cybersex

Wright, 18, accused of inappropriate activity with several underage girls

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An 18-year-old faces multiple felony charges for allegedly having cybersex with several teenage girls.

The suspect, Samuel D. Wright

is charged with six counts of solicitation of a minor to observe sexual activity. He is set to appear for arraignment on May 10.

Wright was arrested following an investigation by sheriff's department detectives into the alleged online activity.

The incidents, Sheriff Patrick

Ray reported, were traced back to March 1 when Wright allegedly talked a 16-year-old girl into having online sex with him.

"He persuaded a 16-year-old female into engaging in sexual activity with him through electronic communications," the sheriff said of the first incident,

not revealing if the crime happened via cellphone or computer, only that it was done across the internet.

Along with that incident, Wright is accused, on the same day, of having a similar liaison with a 13-year-old girl over the internet.

Detectives picked up on another incident involving a 16-year-old girl two weeks later on March 15. It is



WRIGHT

not known if that is the same 16-year-old from the first crime.

Online sexual activity involving Wright was also uncovered on April 2 when he allegedly had cybersex with a 14-year-old girl. The final two charges allege he had online sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl on April 4 and April 5.

Again, it is not known if the incidents involved the same girl.

Nandez charged with assault following wreck

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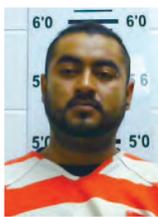
A man who forced another vehicle off the road and into a convenience store has been charged with felony assault.

The man, Marcos Antonio Nandez, 27, of Smith Road is charged with aggravated assault, driving on a suspended license and failure to give immediate notice of an accident. The aggravated assault count is a Class C felony punishable by three to six years in prison.

Police responded to Larry's Discount Grocery where they found a large section of the store's glass broken out. They also found pieces of debris that a vehicle had left behind after it struck the storefront. They then tracked the vehicle by following a trail of fluid that had leaked from the damaged car, leading them to a residence on South Mountain Street.

Officers spoke with the resident there who told them Nandez had rammed his car into her vehicle, causing her to veer off the road and slam into the store. Police noted injuries to the woman's arm.

A further investigation confirmed the woman's story and Nandez was arrested. He has a May 10 hearing date and is being held under \$57,000 bond.



NANDEZ

Suiting up



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Andy Pack of the DeKalb County Fire Department helps Middle School student Keristine Robinson put on a breathing mask as part of the turnout gear she donned during career day at DeKalb Middle Monday morning.

Postal carriers look to stamp out hunger

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Postal carriers will be trying to stamp out hunger this Saturday during their 26th annual National Association of Letter Carriers and Rural Carriers Food Drive.

The food drive is part of the "Stamp Out Hunger" na-

tional effort that has been an annual event since 1993. The drive has collected more than 1.5 billion pounds of food nationally. Last year's drive collected 75 million pounds.

The Smithville Post Office will again be participating in the annual food drive but this year information cards will be placed in every res-

idential mailbox instead of bags on May 8-9. The actual food pickup will be Saturday, May 12 when residents are asked to leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable food items next to their mailboxes. There will also be a cart placed in the lobby of the post office from May 8-12 where donations may be made.

Non-perishables include things like canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meats and fish, pasta, peanut butter, rice or cereal.

Carriers will deliver the donated food items to local food banks, pantries or shelters in DeKalb County. For more information, call Roger Young at the Smithville Post Office at 615-597-4781.

Smithville pauses for prayer



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Chris Moore, left, minister at Smithville Church of God and Issac Gray of Smithville Cumberland Presbyterian Church lead prayer downtown during the National Day of Prayer.

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Smithville joined with the rest of America Thursday, pausing for prayer at noon, the local assembly held under a shade tree in front of the courthouse.

"May we walk, talk and live under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit," prayed Issac Gray of Smithville Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He asked God's anointing in helping to change Smithville and DeKalb County for the better. "I pray that we would be a changed people, a changed

community."

Chris Moore of Smithville Church of God prayed for divine help for community leaders.

"I pray you give these men and women an anointing and wisdom to make decisions," he prayed, calling the city leaders by name.

He also prayed that those in the public make the right decisions. "This is home," Moore prayed. "Help us as citizens to do the right thing."

Nathan Thomason of Outreach Baptist Church prayed for the churches.

"Draw our churches together," he prayed. "May we make

an impact on our culture, not our culture make an impact on our churches."

John Carpenter of First United Methodist Church prayed for our nation.

"May our leaders' decisions always be based on your design," he prayed of the nation's leaders.

Chad Ramsey of First Baptist Church asked that the state leaders seek God's guidance in all things.

"I pray that our leaders seek your will," he prayed, noting that there are many who need to be reached in our home state. "The mission field is right here."



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