

# ***Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office***

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For immediate release:

A Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office deputy was arrested today after Gwinnett County Police investigators obtained a warrant charging him with Aggravated Child Molestation by Sodomy.

Thirty one year old Michael Lomax is accused of performing oral sex on a 13 year old victim whom he met on Grindr, a gay social network app designed to allow users, according to its website, to "chat, share photos and meet up with guys near you."

Upon learning of the sexual encounter, the victim's mother reported the incident to Lilburn Police. Their investigation was turned over to Gwinnett County Police, who obtained a warrant for Lomax's arrest.

Deputies assigned to our Fugitive Unit executed the search warrant today at approximately 2 pm in Stone Mountain with the assistance of the DeKalb County Police Department. Lomax was arrested without incident and transported to the Gwinnett County Jail, where he resigned in lieu of termination upon his arrival. He was employed as a jailer with our agency for two years.

Sheriff Butch Conway cautions parents to be mindful of social media apps such as Grindr. "While I am extremely disappointed in the actions of Michael Lomax and glad to see him behind bars, I am also alarmed that minors can access social media apps of this nature and utilize them to meet strangers. It's a good idea for parents to be aware of the social media apps on their kids' phones and this is a good example of why that's important."

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