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## Winnetka Man Charged After Arranging Meeting with Online Victim

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that charges were filed against Christopher Michael Loza (DOB 11/21/76), of Winnetka, for two felony counts of communicating with a minor with the intent to commit sexual acts and arranging to meet a child for sexual acts. Loza failed to appear in court at today’s arraignment. A felony warrant has been issued for his arrest.

During a sting operation led by the Ventura County Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force, Loza is alleged to have made contact in an online chatroom with someone he believed to be a 15-year-old female. During the conversation, Loza allegedly made several comments indicating that he wanted to engage in sexual activities with the victim, who was actually an undercover officer.

Loza is charged with arranging a meeting with the victim at a park in Camarillo. On July 21, 2023, Loza arrived at the park and was taken into custody without incident by members of the Task Force.

“Loza’s alleged willingness to travel such a great distance for the purposes of meeting a child is alarming and should act as a reminder for parents to be diligent in teaching their children safe internet practices,” said Supervising District Attorney Investigator Terrance Dobrosky.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, there was a clear and significant increase in child luring reports beginning in 2020. Child luring involves the communication with a child with the intent to ultimately commit sexual acts. Any child using the internet can become a target of online exploitation. This occurs across all platforms, including social media, messaging apps, and gaming platforms.

Parents having open and ongoing conversations with their children about safe and appropriate online behavior is an important deterrent. Other advice for parents to consider:

- Become educated about the websites, software, games, and apps that their children use.
- Check their social media, gaming profiles, and posts; and have conversations about what is appropriate to say or share.
- Make sure their kids use privacy settings to restrict access to their online profiles.
- Explain to their children to be extremely wary when communicating with anyone online who they do not know in real life.
- Report any inappropriate contact between an adult and your child to law enforcement immediately.

Deputy District Attorney Twyla Atmore, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Further investigation into Loza remains ongoing and anyone with additional information regarding the investigation, can contact Supervising District Attorney Investigator Terrance Dobrosky at (805) 383-4779.

The Ventura County Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force is comprised of investigators and prosecutors with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Oxnard Police Department, Ventura Police Department, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, the FBI, and United States Attorney's Office. The Task Force is committed to identifying, rescuing, and protecting children from sexual exploitation and abuse through education, enforcement, and through partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies.

**Case: 2023018734**

**Defendant Information:**

Christopher Michael Loza (DOB 11/21/76)  
Winnetka

**Charges:**

- PC 288.3(a) – Communicating with a minor with the intent to commit sexual acts
- PC 288.4(b) – Arranging to meet a child for sexual acts.