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Glendale Police Alert of Arrest of Sexual Conduct with a Minor Suspect

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On February 21, 2014 Glendale Police Sex Crimes detectives were alerted to an inappropriate and potentially sexual relationship between a 23 year-old female Glendale resident and a teenage male Glendale resident. The victim in this case was identified as being younger than 15 years old.

Through their investigation Glendale Police detectives were able to develop probable cause for the arrest of the suspect, Anna Areola-Hernandez, and charged her with 3 counts each of Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Child Molestation, Unlawful Age Misrepresentation, and Adult Posing as a Minor for a Sexual Conduct Act.

Glendale Police Sex Crimes detectives have learned that Areola-Hernandez used several social media and texting “apps” such as Facebook, Kik, Snapchat and Tango to contact other juveniles and fear that there may be additional victims who have had contact with Areola-Hernandez. Areola-Hernandez often poses as a 15 year-old and uses the screen names “Tiny Hernandez” or “Ana Hernandez” and parents are encouraged to check their children’s social media accounts for contact with Areola-Hernandez.

The Glendale Department encourages anyone that might have information on unreported crimes or anyone that believes that their child may have had inappropriate contact with Areola-Hernandez to contact law enforcement. Persons with information can call the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000 or Silent Witness at 480-Witness.

Attached are booking photos as well as a social media photo of Areola-Hernandez.

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