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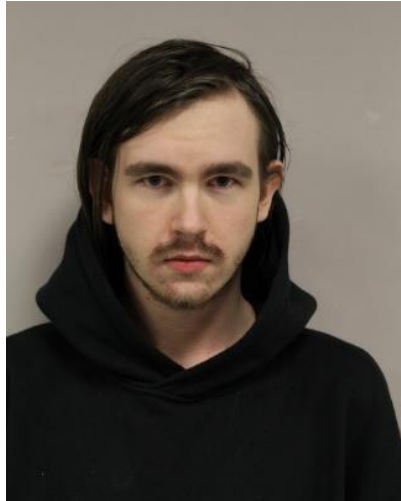
Traveling to Meet a Child Arrest

On January 7th, 2022, Palatine Police charged 19 year-old Hunter W. Dotson of the 23000 block of Hemlock Ave., Moreno Valley, California with one count of Traveling to Meet a Child, a Class 3 Felony. The charge followed an investigation which discovered Dotson had met a 14-year-old juvenile who resides in Michigan. Over a three month period and knowing the victim to be 14 years of age, Dotson communicated with the victim using messages, phone calls and video chats. The communication continued and plans were made to meet the victim in Michigan for the purpose of sexual conduct.

On January 3rd, 2022, Dotson flew to O'Hare Airport and stayed in a Palatine motel until January 6th, 2022. During his stay in Palatine, Dotson continued to communicate with the victim, and was then confronted by the victim's parents who alerted the authorities. On January 7th, 2022, Palatine Police detectives arrested Dotson at O'Hare Airport as he awaited a flight back to California.

On January 10th, 2022, Palatine Police brought Dotson to the Cook County Third District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows where bond was set at \$20,000 (full amount needed), GPS monitoring, electronic home monitoring, no victim contact, no contact with anyone under 18 years of age, no internet use except for school or court, and denied permission to leave Illinois. The next court date is scheduled for January 28th, 2022 at 9:00am in room 108 at the Cook County Third District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows.

Hunter W. Dotson



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