



# GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## GPD ICAC Unit Makes Child Pornography Arrest

**GAINESVILLE, FLA** – On Tuesday, April 30, 2024, the Gainesville Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Division, with the assistance of GPD SWAT, served a search warrant in the area of 1600 NW 4th Ave. The investigation was prompted after GPD received two Cyber Tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The Cyber Tips indicated that a Snapchat user possessed, and shared, child sexual abuse material (CSAM) on their platform.

Investigation by Detective Montague, of the Gainesville Police Department, revealed that the likely account holder was Havin McGeady (W/M, 05-23-1996). During a post Miranda interview, McGeady admitted to the ownership of the accounts in question. When the description a video from one of the Cyber Tips was read to the McGeady, he stated he didn't remember that video. However, McGeady would later state that the content was consistent with what he typically searches for. McGeady admitted and acknowledged that he has struggled viewing this content for a period of time. McGeady also admitted to soliciting CSAM from reported minors which was supported by and shown in his Snapchat account. McGeady told Detective Montague that he typically finds the content on Instagram but has also found and shared the content on Snapchat.

McGeady was subsequently arrested for two counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of distribution of child pornography stemming from the Cyber Tip reports. A complete analysis of McGeady's seized devices is still pending.

The Gainesville Police Department wants parents to be aware that children are being solicited and exploited through social networking and messaging apps. We encourage parents to have age appropriate conversations with their children about the dangers of the internet. Please be vigilant and aware of any social networking platforms your children may access. If you have any questions about this incident, please contact GPD Detective Montague at: 352-393-7730 or [montagueda@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:montagueda@cityofgainesville.org).

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