



Child Predators Use PlayStation To Target Children

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HOUSTON - PlayStation 3 is typically used to play video games, but Harris County Constables Office Precinct 4 investigators discovered it's also a serious threat to children.

Anthony Oshea, 24, of Kentucky, was arrested and accused of soliciting and sharing nude pictures of an 11-year-old Houston girl. Investigators said all of it was all done with his PlayStation 3.

Investigators with the High Tech Crimes Unit said Oshea befriended the girl through a video game and asked her to send him pictures of her body with the Web camera on the PlayStation.

Sgt. Gary Spurger said, "After several weeks, Oshea convinced the girl to send nude pictures of her breasts and from below her waist."

Spurger said there is evidence that Oshea sent the pictures of the girl to other people through the Internet from his PlayStation network.

Spurger said the girl then got scared and told her mother.

Oshea was arrested in Kentucky and charged with three felonies -- promoting child pornography, online solicitation of a minor and indecency with a minor.

Spurger is now warning all parents to watch out and keep an eye on your children. He said new technology is attractive to young, vulnerable people, so it's an easy and new way for predators to access children.

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