

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 288.2 PC [Distribution of lewd materials] 288.3 PC [Contact with intent to commit lewd act with minor]

Report Number: 2015-27586

Coroner Number:

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Location: Point Arena, California

When: Date: 10-30-2015 **Time:** 1:14 AM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	Female Juvenile	15		Point Arena, CA

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	Thessalonian Catrell Love	25		Apple Valley, CA

Written by: Captain Greg Van Patten

Synopsis:

On 10-29-2015 at 9:25 PM a Deputy from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into a suspicious situation reported by a parent of a 15 year-old female juvenile in Point Arena, California.

During investigations the Deputy learned the female juvenile had established contact with Thessalonian Catrell Love (25 years-old) by means of a social networking internet website.

During this time, Love obtained nude photographs of the female juvenile and sent her sexually related messages while reportedly being aware of her age.

The Deputy discovered Love had travelled to Point Arena and had made overt attempts on 10-29-2015 to meet with the female juvenile with the intention of the pair leaving the area together.

On 10-30-2015 at 1:14 AM Deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office located Love walking on Port Road in Point Arena.

During the contact, Deputies discovered Love was in possession of bus tickets to Southern California supporting the belief that he was attempting to persuade the female juvenile to leave the area with him.

Love was arrested for the Penal Code violations of 288.2 PC (Distribution of Lewd Material), 288.3 PC (Intent to Commit Lewd Act with Minor), 288.4 PC (Contact with Minor for Sexual Offense), 311.2 PC (Child Pornography) and 647.6 PC (Annoy or Molest of a Minor).

At the time of Love's arrest he was determined to be on active formal probation in San Bernardino County for an arson related offense.

Love was booked into the Mendocino County Jail to be held in lieu of \$200,000.00 bail.

Investigations into this incident are on-going at this time.

Approved By: Captain Greg Van Patten

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