

Wadsworth man held on sex charges

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WADSWORTH -- A 19-year-old Wadsworth man was arrested by Lake County Sheriff's deputies Thursday, accused of having sexual relations with a 12- and a 13-year-old and taking pictures of them on his cell phone.

Joseph Wojdyla of the 39000 block of Wadsworth Road was arrested after a four-day investigation that was sparked by a report that he had sexually explicit child pornography images on his cell phone. He was charged with predatory criminal sexual assault and one count of manufacturing child pornography.

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Wojdyla

Detectives conducted a "consent to search" on Wojdyla's phone, which revealed 10 images of two children -- one 12 years old and the other 13 years old -- in sexually explicit positions. Further investigation revealed that Wojdyla had recently been engaged in sexual relations with the 12-year-old and 13-year-old. They were not related to Wojdyla.

"We have concerns that Mr. Wojdyla may have victimized other children," said Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran. "We encourage anyone who feels they were victimized by Wojdyla to contact our investigators." He said calls should be directed to Detective George Manis at (847) 377-4143.

If convicted on all counts, Wojdyla could face up to 60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. He was being held in lieu of \$250,000 bond on Friday pending an appearance Tuesday in Lake County Circuit Court.