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Viral Social Media Video Leads to Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports an investigation has been launched stemming from a disturbing viral Facebook video. The Birmingham Police Department was made aware of the video on Sunday February 7, 2021.

The Facebook video depicted a face time call involving a minor and an adult male. The video showed the adult male soliciting the minor to expose her body to him on the face time video. It was initially unknown where the offence occurred. On Monday, February 8, 2021 it was discovered incidents occurred within the city limits of Birmingham and Bessemer, Alabama.

At the time the video surfaced an official police report had not been filed with the Birmingham Police Department. A police report was filed on Monday, February 8, 2021 after detectives encouraged a family member to file an official police report. A joint investigation was launched with the Birmingham Police Department Special Victims Unit and investigators with the Bessemer Police Department. On February 9, 2021 the suspect depicted in the video was arrested for a probation violation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. This is a developing investigation; additional charges are expected to follow as the investigation progress. The Birmingham Police Department will identify the suspect once formal charges are filed.

The Birmingham Police Department would like to thank the community for their efforts and coming forth with information and videos to shine a light on this type of criminal behavior. If anyone has any additional information pertaining to this

case please contact **Crime Stoppers at 205-254-7777.**

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