Local man arrested for sex crimes involving Virginia runaway

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Caddo Parish sheriff's deputies arrested a Shreveport man today for numerous sex crimes involving a Virginia runaway, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Kevin L. Lunsford was arrested at his apartment in the 7700 block of East Kings Highway where he was found with the 14-year-old girl after deputies received a tip about the girl's location.

Just before 8 a.m., Caddo Sheriff's dispatchers received a call from authorities with the Wythe County, VA, Sheriff's Office who said the girl could be at Lunsford's apartment. Deputies arrived to find them both there this morning. Detectives say while at the apartment, Lunsford and the girl had a sexual relationship.

Caddo detectives say the two became acquainted on the social network site My Space after the girl saw Lunsford's information on a friend's My Space page. They communicated on the internet and by text for the next nine months. During the conversations, Lunsford promised to travel to Virginia to pick up the girl at her father's in Wythe County.

Recently, Lunsford took a bus from Shreveport to Virginia, then a cab to the girl's house. The two took a bus back to Shreveport and arrived at Lunsford's apartment around 2 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Caddo District Judge David Matlock issued an order to take the girl into custody. She was taken to a local youth shelter to await transport back to Virginia by her father.

Lunsford, 25, was booked into the Caddo Correctional Center following an investigation by the Caddo Sheriff's Office Juvenile Division. He faces charges of felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile, sexual battery, oral sexual battery, computer-aided solicitation of a minor for sexual purposes, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and possession of a marijuana. He is also being held as a fugitive from the Wythe County Sheriff's Office.