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Suspect Arrested in Child Exploitation Case

On January 5, 2025, the Columbus Police Department began investigating a report of inappropriate sexual communication between a juvenile female and an adult male.

The investigation, led by CPD's Sexual Assault Unit, uncovered evidence resulting in charges against Aldair Jimenez-Bautista, 24. Arrest warrants were issued on January 21, 2025, and with assistance from the Russell County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security, Jimenez-Bautista was taken into custody on February 1, 2025.



Jimenez-Bautista is charged with the following:

- **Grooming a Minor for Sexual Acts**
- **Enticing a Child for Indecent Purposes**
- **Sexual Exploitation of Children**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to remain vigilant in protecting children online. Anyone with concerns about exploitation or abuse is urged to call 911.

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