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## Press Release – Child Exploitation Case

On April 14, 2022, the Longmont Department of Public Safety arrested 38-year-old Alexander Van Minnen on Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) charges in the 1700 block of Shavano Street in the City of Longmont.

The arrest came about after a probation officer with the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District reported to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), which includes District Attorney Investigators, of Van Minnen possibly looking at CSAM material. Investigators with the District Attorney's Office then conducted an investigation that led to the arrest of Van Minnen.

Van Minnen was booked into the Boulder County Jail for a violation of §18-6-403(3)(b.5) Sexual Exploitation of a Child, a class 4 felony. His bond was set at \$20,000 secured bond with a \$2,000 cash option, pretrial supervision, no weapons, and no contact with anyone under 18. Agencies who assisted with this investigation include the Boulder County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Boulder Police Department, Longmont Department of Public Safety and University of Colorado Boulder Police Department

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "Because of the serious and complex nature of these investigations, our office values our strong partnership with Colorado's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The interagency cooperation in this investigation led to the arrest and charges in this case."

The Colorado Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), is a group of local and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as prosecutors located in and around the state of Colorado who are trained and dedicated to protecting children online by investigating and prosecuting crimes committed against children, facilitated by the internet, technology, and computer usage. Colorado ICAC is a member of the National ICAC Task Force. If you suspect a child is being sexually exploited online, individuals should contact 911 or report it online <https://www.missingkids.org/> or by calling 1-800-THE-LOST.

*As in every criminal case, these charges are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.*