



# Macomb County Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA CRIME REPORT

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### **Macomb Township Man Charged With Accosting Teen**

On Friday, 08-21-15, the Macomb County Sheriff's Office received a report that a 14 year-old Macomb Township girl had been approached by a man who tried to lure her to his van.

The girl ran to her residence located in the 47000 block of Blueridge Street in Macomb Township and reported the incident to her mother. The mother called the Sheriff's Office.

In the meantime, a 38 year-old Shelby Township man, in the vicinity due to a subdivision-wide garage-sale saw the incident and intervened, blocking in the man's min-van and preventing him from driving away.

The Sheriff's Office responded and investigated the matter. Deputies learned that the 14 year-old girl was in the driveway of a home selling lemonade when the man pulled up in a white Chrysler Town & Country mini-van. The man exited his vehicle, approached the girl and offered her money in exchange for a sexual act.

Deputies interviewed the witness who said that he saw the incident unfold and he "felt something wasn't right". He used his vehicle to block in the mini-van and to block the escape of the suspect.

Subsequently, a 67 year-old Macomb Township man was arrested.

The man was brought to the Macomb County Jail where he was charged with Accosting, Enticing or Soliciting a Child for Immoral Purposes, a four-year felony.

On Saturday (08-22-15) Pal Rakaj of Macomb Township was the subject of an interim bond hearing. He subsequently posted a \$100,000 surety bond and he was released from the Jail at 3:40pm on Saturday afternoon.

On today's date (08-24), Rakaj was formally arraigned in the 41A District Court of Shelby Township. His bond was continued (\$100,000), and he was ordered to wear a GPS tether. His next court date is 09-08-15 @ 8:30am.

*This report is a summary of activity and incidents reported to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office over the previous week. It is not inclusive of all incidents that have been reported. The Sheriff's Office reserves the right to withhold certain information if its release is not in the community's best interest, or if we feel it will compromise an investigation.*