



# NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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On February 19, 2020 at 3:04 P.M., members of the Nashua Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit, arrested Ronald Afonso, age 48, of 55 High Street, Epping, New Hampshire. Afonso is charged with Attempted Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Special Felony and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Class B Felony.

In February of 2020, members of the Special Investigation Division began an investigation into the sexual exploitation of children on the internet where a subject, identified as Afonso was arranging to have sexual relations with a child. As a result of the investigation, on February 19, 2020 Afonso was arrested in Nashua.

A Special Felony is punishable by a term of imprisonment, exclusive of fines. A Class B Felony is punishable by up to seven years imprisonment, exclusive of fines. Afonso was held on preventative detention and is scheduled to be arraigned in the Hillsborough County Superior Court – South on February 20, 2020.

The Nashua Police Department is an affiliate of the Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force, working to combat child exploitation in New Hampshire.

If anyone has further information regarding this case or would like to anonymously report cases of child exploitation please call the Nashua Police Department crime line (603) 589-1665. You can also follow the Nashua Police Department on Twitter @NashuaPolice.

