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VCSO DETECTIVES ARREST FORMER TELECOMMUNICATOR, WIFE IN SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILD

A former Volusia County Sheriff's Office telecommunicator and his wife have been charged in the sexual abuse of a 7-year-old girl.

Tyler Bush-Conn, 28, of South Daytona, and his wife Talisha Bush-Conn, 27, of Deltona, were arrested early this morning and remain in custody without bond at the Volusia County Branch Jail.

Around 8 p.m. Monday, the Sheriff's Office Child Exploitation Unit was contacted by authorities in Alabama regarding an active child exploitation investigation stemming from the 7-year-old victim's disclosure that she had been sexually abused by Bush-Conn in Volusia County.

Volusia detectives worked through the night and, around 2:30 a.m., executed a search warrant at Tyler Bush-Conn's current residence on Banana Cay Drive in South Daytona. Detectives also contacted Talisha Bush-Conn at her residence on Snook Drive in Deltona. Tyler was arrested at 3:52 a.m., and Talisha was arrested at 6:55 a.m.

Detectives determined the abuse occurred on several occasions at the Bush-Conns' previous home on Wade Street in DeLand and at the victim's home in Deltona. The victim told detectives Tyler had sex with her on multiple occasions and took pictures of her while she was naked.

Through their investigation, detectives also determined that Talisha engaged in at least one sexual encounter with the victim as well.

The exact timeframe of the abuse is unconfirmed, but the incidents described by the victim are believed to have started in 2016

At this time, Tyler Bush-Conn is charged with sexual battery on a victim under the age of 12 and lewd or lascivious molestation. Talisha Bush-Conn is charged with being a principal to sexual battery on a victim under the age of 12, lewd or lascivious exhibition, child abuse and child neglect. **The investigation is continuing and additional charges are pending.**

The Bush-Conns are separated. Tyler Bush-Conn was hired by the Sheriff's Office on March 17, 2014, and was terminated on Oct. 28, 2016. Talisha Bush-Conn is employed by the County of Volusia in EVAC Emergency Medical Services. Detectives contacted the Department of Children and Families to take custody of the Bush-Conns' two children.

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