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**For Immediate Release**

**Cartersville Man Arrested in Online Child Sex Sting**

(Paulding County, GA) On November 1, 2019, Brian Travis Cowart (W/M, 34 YOA) of Cartersville, Georgia was arrested by Detectives from the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Investigations Division as a result of an elaborate attempt to have sex with an eight year old girl.

On October 29, 2019 the Juvenile Investigations Division was contacted by a complainant who advised they located a person on a social media site requesting to have sex with 5-10 year old girls. On October 31, 2019 an undercover Detective made contact with the suspect, later identified as Brian Travis Cowart, in an online conversation. As a result of the online chat, Cowart offered a sum of money to perform sex acts on an eight year old girl.

Cowart thought he was communicating online with the eight year old girl's older sister. On November 1, 2019 Cowart devised a plan to meet the alleged victim's sister at a retail store in Hiram where she would deliver the eight year old victim to Cowart for a certain period of time. Upon Cowart's arrival, he was swiftly taken into custody by several Detectives from the Juvenile Investigations Division who were waiting on him in the parking lot. Cowart was charged with the following offenses:

- Criminal Attempt to Commit Child Molestation (F)
- Criminal Attempt to Entice a Child for Indecent Purposes (F)
- Violation of the Computer/Electronic Pornography and Child Exploitation Prevention Act (F)

Cowart is currently being held in the Paulding County Jail without bond. Sheriff Gary Gulledge stated, "As adults, it is our responsibility to keep children safe from



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**online predators. I want to encourage all parents to keep an eye on your child's online activities and know who they are communicating with at all times."**  
**Detectives want to encourage anyone who has had any online contact with Cowart to call Lieutenant Starry Kilgore or Sergeant Lenny Carr of the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Investigations Division at (770) 445-6105.**

