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MEDIA ADVISORY: Kidnapping suspect arrested in Georgia; child recovered unharmed

On January 20, 2016, at approximately 11:22 PM, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office received a call from a resident in SE Gainesville regarding her missing 4-year old son. Deputies responded and learned that Cortney Poremba and her long-term boyfriend, Donald Roy Long, Jr., had recently moved to Gainesville from Hershey, Pennsylvania, and were in the process of ending their relationship of 3-years. Long was charged with babysitting the young child while Poremba was at work. Poremba returned to the couple's home to find Long had removed all of his belongings from the home, but she was unable to find her son. Long has no custodial rights to the child.

Investigations revealed that Long and the child traveled to the Gainesville Regional Airport by cab earlier that evening in Long's attempt to purchase two plane tickets to Pennsylvania, but no flights were available. Employees of Delta Airlines and the cab company were interviewed and information was developed which indicated that Long purchased two bus tickets at the Gainesville Greyhound station instead.

Officials from Greyhound assisted in accessing their internal GPS tracking system, and the bus Long and the child were currently traveling on was located Northbound on I-75 in the area of Cordele, GA. ACSO Deputies contacted the Georgia State Patrol and the Perry (GA) Police Department for assistance. Officers from those agencies located the bus and conducted a traffic stop while in contact with ACSO Deputies by phone. Long was located on the bus and taken into custody by Georgia authorities. The child was located, unharmed, hiding under Long's seat when officers boarded the bus.

ACSO Detectives secured an arrest warrant for Long on the charges of kidnapping and interference with child custody. Long is currently being held in the Perry (GA) jail on \$120,000 bond and the process to extradite him back to Alachua County will take place this morning. The child will remain with officials from the Georgia State Patrol and the Perry (GA) Police Department as Poremba was traveling there this morning to retrieve her son.

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