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PRESS RELEASE

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DATE: 10/09/2014

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – **Solicitation of a Minor**

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 4:36 p.m.

Location: 7780 Nashville Highway, Baxter, TN

Incident:

A 51-year-old man formerly employed as a school bus driver for the Putnam County Board of Education has been arrested and charged with one count of solicitation of a minor for sex. Max Allen Wallace of 1211 Maddux Ridge Road in Baxter, Tennessee was arrested on October 8, 2014 by Baxter police officer Cody Meadows and Detective Sgt. Roger Cooper of Putnam County Sheriff's Department on a warrant obtained by Detective Cooper. Detective Cooper obtained a warrant after conducting an investigation based upon a complaint that Wallace was exchanging sexually explicit written communications with a 14-year-old female student discussing sexual acts. The student became acquainted with Wallace while riding the school bus he was assigned to drive.

Wallace, who has had no known prior incidents or arrests identified at this time, was booked into the Putnam County Jail and later released on a \$50,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Putnam County General Sessions Court on October 20, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The investigation into this incident continues. If anyone has information on this case, please contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Department at (931) 528-8484.

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