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Police charge Virginia man with sexually abusing 13-year-old boy

Howard County police have charged a Virginia man with sexually abusing a 13-year-old Ellicott City boy for more than five months, after the two met through a live streaming video app. Joseph Coffinberger, 32, of Royal Fern Court in Reston, has been charged with rape and sexual solicitation of a minor. He is being held without bond.

Detectives were notified this week that the boy disclosed to a parent that Coffinberger had been driving from Virginia to have sex with him at least once a week since January. He reported that Coffinberger would pick him up near his home and often take him to a motel.

On May 22, when Coffinberger arrived in Ellicott City to meet the boy, officers were waiting to place him under arrest.

Police are concerned that Coffinberger may have victimized other children in Maryland or Virginia. They are asking anyone with information to come forward and call 410-313-2630 or email HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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