

PRESS RELEASE

On 16 September 2009 Deputies from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office arrested Joseph Lukondi for crimes related to the internet exploitation of children. His bond was lowered to \$3,000 from \$50,000 by the Court and that bond was posted on 8 October.

The media coverage on that case facilitated the disclosure of another similar incident involving Mr. Lukondi that occurred during the past summer in Alamosa, Colorado.

That new information caused the initiation of an investigation by the Alamosa Police Department. An arrest warrant was issued in connection with the Alamosa case and Mr. Lukondi was re-arrested on 9 October 2009. His bond currently is \$20,000, and he is currently being held in the Alamosa County Jail.

If anyone has information that may link Mr. Lukondi to additional cases or anyone else that is committing these types of offenses, please contact your local law enforcement officials and make a report.

For parents, please take some time and talk to your children about the risks of the Internet. A web site by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is a great place to research for information on this topic and how to protect your children and to recognize the potential dangers the Internet poses. Their web address is www.missingkids.com.