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## **NMAGO Special Agents arrest Albuquerque foster parent in undercover sting**

*Albuquerque, NM* – Today, special agents with the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General arrested Joshua Saavedra for attempting to solicit sex with a minor. Special agents conducted an undercover chat operation, in which an agent posed as a mother offering her fictional child for sex. Saavedra met at a predetermined location, where he was apprehended and taken into custody.

“My special agents are working the front lines every single day to protect New Mexico’s children and get dangerous criminals off of our streets,” said Attorney General Hector Balderas. “Our community is safer today because of the action NMAGO agents took in this case, and the hard work of our Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.”

Saavedra admitted to being a foster parent, and is charged with child solicitation by electronic communication device, child exploitation by prostitution, and trafficking controlled substance. The New Mexico Office of the Attorney is in contact with the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department to ensure the safety of all children involved.

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