



## Sex offender trying to meet girl, 13, arrested during SWAT operation in La Porte

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Marlon Garcia

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A sex offender who thought he was meeting up with an underage girl was arrested during a SWAT operation in La Porte.

La Porte's SWAT team was called Monday night to assist in the capture of a registered sex offender who police said had been engaging in explicit communication with a girl whom he believed was only 13 years old.

Marlon Garcia, of Pasadena, arrived at a La Porte apartment complex intending to meet the girl and was taken into custody, police said.

Garcia, 33, is charged with solicitation of a child, which was enhanced to a second-degree felony.