



# **PELHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Criminal Investigations Division**

**Patrick S. Cheatwood, Chief of Police**

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Pelham Police detectives, Alabaster Police and the Department of Homeland Security conducted a months-long joint investigation that resulted in the arrest of a man on child pornography charges.**

**Anthony Ray Thomas Fitzhugh, 38, of Alabaster, is charged with ten counts of Possession of Obscene Material Depicting Children under 17. Additional charges are likely.**

**At the time of his arrest, Fitzhugh was in possession of numerous devices containing child pornography, some of which were actively downloading explicit material.**

**“The exploitation of our children, both online and off, continues to be a major focus of law enforcement,” said Detective Sgt. Brad Jordan. “This arrest is the culmination of an investigation involving law enforcement from multiple agencies, coming together to combat this threat to our most vulnerable population.”**

**The investigation is ongoing, and due to the nature of the charges, no additional information will be released.**

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