



Sign up for our Midday Update Newsletter
[CLICK HERE](#)
 OrlandoSentinel.com

TRENDING: | Father's Day Tech Gifts | Jeanne Bice QVC | Clarence Clemons Stroke | Tony Award Winners | Gabrielle Giffords New Pictures

Search

Microsoft
 Browse with confidence.
 Windows Internet Explorer
 Free Upgrade

Home > Your Local News > Crime

Kissimmee police arrest psychiatrist, 15 others in sex sting

One unlicensed contractor charged with fraud.

Connect with us

- Twitter
- Facebook
- RSS
- Newsletters
- Blogs
- Text Alerts

2 5 119 (24)



Dr. Ramarao Makkena (Osceola County Jail, Osceola County Jail / June 13, 2011)

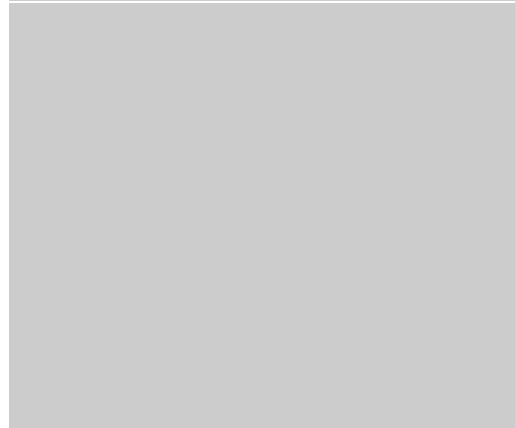
Henry Pierson Curtis, Orlando Sentinel
4:58 p.m. EDT, June 13, 2011

A local psychiatrist was arrested along with more than a dozen others in an internet sex sting run by **Kissimmee** police last week, records show.

Dr. Ramarao Makkena, who has a child-and-adolescent practice on West Vine Street, was arrested Friday on prostitution-related charges after entering a decoy house set up for the week-long investigation, according to police.

"Prostitution can bring with it drug related crimes, robbery and burglary," Police Chief Fran Wanski said in a statement released Monday. "By conducting operations like this one, we are taking steps on curtailing these types of crimes within the City of Kissimmee."

Besides prostitution, detectives targeted unlicensed contractors by trying to lure them to the undisclosed residence to make repairs, the report stated.

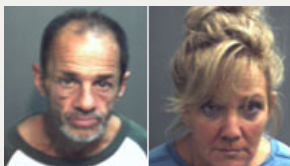


Video Player.
This content requires the Adobe Flash Player

Food & Drink

Save 50-80% at your favorite places with HotDealsOrlando.com

Related



Orange County Jail booking mugs — updated daily



Get alerts: Sign up for breaking news text alerts and e-newsletters



Audio: Listen to unforgettable 911 calls

Topics

- Crimes
- Electrical Appliance
- Prostitution

See more topics »

"The detectives had all the appliances in the home inspected by a master electrician to ensure they were working properly. The detectives then unplugged the dryer and placed service calls to handyman services on the dryer," the report stated. "The elderly decoy would explain to the handyman the dryer was not working."

Javier Medina, 46, was accused of fraud after spending an hour taking apart a clothes dryer, putting it back together and charging \$60 without explaining his repairs, according to the report.

Police sent a recommendation that he be charged with organized fraud less than \$300 by the Orange-Osceola State Attorney's Office.

"On the positive side, handyman John Deja plugged in the dryer and gave the decoy a reduced service call rate. Mr. Deja was contacted by the detectives and was commended for his honesty," the report said.

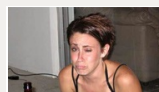
"It is important to hire only licensed, reputable contractors to do work in your home," Iwanski said. "The Better Business Bureau is an excellent tool to use when deciding who is trustworthy enough to allow into your home."

Dr. Makkena, who charged with assignation of prostitution and entering a dwelling for prostitution, was released Friday on \$500 bail from the **Osceola County Jail**. He could not be reached immediately Monday afternoon at his office.

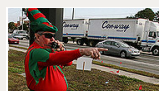
Fifteen others were arrested on similar charges, according to police.

hcurtis@tribune.com or 407-420-5257

Check This Out



Casey Anthony These pictures are from Casey Anthony's Photobucket account.



Gotcha! Pictures: Costumed police nab Florida speeders

Most Popular

Casey Anthony trial: State close to concluding its case

Miami Herald ad error garners national attention

Report: Family of three killed, two hurt in Osceola crash

Report: Pickup overturns, spills six children onto I-95

Inland storm risk rises — so will home insurance

Take A Look



Extreme sunburns



Biggest celebrity scandals of 2010

ADS BY GOOGLE

Krav Maga Orange County Official Self-Defense System of IDF Try Kr: KravMagaOC.com

Martial Arts in Peoria AZ Focused on children and families. Free tv www.taekwondophoenix.com

Official Obama Website It's time to do it again. Join Barack Obama www.BarackObama.com

Copyright © 2011, Orlando Sentinel



Save 50-80% at your favorite places with HotDealsOrlando.com



« Previous Story

More Crime

Next Story »



Man drove from St. Augustine for sex with teen at Ocoee school parking lot, cops say



Testimony to begin Tuesday at trial of adoptive father charged with child neglect



One Weird Trick to Stay Asleep All Night



Breaking: How to Build Muscle When You're 50+



Best Wrinkle Creams