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Stevens County Operation Leads to Seven Arrests

Seven men were recently arrested in Stevens County over the course of several days as part of an operation identifying individuals allegedly involved in the sexual abuse and exploitation of children. This multi-day operation was led by the Stevens County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and several partner agencies. These cases will be reviewed by the Stevens County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to determine whether or what criminal charges should be filed. Stevens County Prosecutor Erika George stated, "The Stevens County Prosecutor's Office was proud to be a part of this operation. I want to extend a big thank you to all the State, Federal and local Stevens County law enforcement officers who made this possible. Offenders who prey on children are some of the most difficult and heinous crimes we face, and going after these specific cases can carry a heavier burden. But these law enforcement agencies face that head on and are relentless and dedicated to sending the message that the exploitation and abuse of children will not be tolerated. The Stevens County Prosecutor's Office will continue to support these operations to ensure the safety of children in our community."

Dubbed "Operation 2541," this operation was spearheaded by the SCSO, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Washington State Patrol's Eastern Washington Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF), Internet Crimes Against Children affiliates.

The primary mission during this operation is to proactively target those persons involved in child abuse and child exploitation via the internet. "Internet crimes against children are at an all-time high and targeting the individuals that prey on our youth is an absolute high priority for the Stevens County Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Brad Manke. "This operation was aimed at protecting our vulnerable children and making our communities safer. People have asked why we would conduct an operation that would possibly lure predators from other areas to our county for our courts to have to deal with? The answer is simple. A predator is a predator and they need removed from any community on which they may be preying on children. Of the seven men arrested, three were from out of the area. One of those happened to be in the area for a family event," Manke said. "I whole heartedly thank all the agencies involved, and give special thanks to the US Border Patrol Colville Office for the logistical support."

Primary crimes investigated are:

- RCW 9A.44.073 – Rape of a child in the first degree – attempt
- RCW 9A.44.076 – Rape of a child in the second degree – attempt
- RCW 9.68A.090 – Communication with a minor for immoral purposes
- RCW 9.68A.040 – Sexual Exploitation of a minor
- RCW 9.68A.100 – Commercial sexual abuse of a minor - attempt



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The names of the individuals arrested during the operation are:

- Thomas Riehl Ellensburg WA
- Spencer Voice Colville, WA
- Scott Jackson Addy, WA
- Kaleb Grimm Addy, WA
- Travis Hiibner Spokane Valley, WA
- Matthew Roque Colville, WA
- Jason Frank Spokane, WA

Anyone with information related to the suspects listed, or information leading to the identity of victims potentially involved in these cases please Stevens County Sheriff's Office Detective Denis Yunin by phone or dyunin@stevenscountywa.gov

The collaborative effort involving more than 9 dedicated law enforcement agencies led to the success of this operation. Those agencies involved include:

- Stevens County Prosecutor's Office
- Stevens County Sheriff's Office
- Homeland Security Investigations
- Washington State Patrol
- United States Border Patrol Colville Station
- Othello Police Department
- Spokane Police Department
- Caldwell Idaho Police Department

The Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF) is dedicated to protecting the children of Washington State by assisting and investigating missing child and exploitation cases. Washington State Patrol (WSP) MECTF personnel partner with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Spokane on a Task Force housed at the HSI Spokane office. The Task Force includes Special Agents, Detectives, and Analysts from WSP, HSI, Spokane PD, and representatives from outlying Counties dedicated to serving the children and communities of the region. The MECTF traces its origins to 1999, when the Washington Legislature established a task force on missing and exploited children under the direction of the Chief of the state patrol, RCW 13.60.110.



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