

**ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE  
SOUTHERN VIRGINIA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE**

**REPORT TO THE**

**Governor  
Director of Public Safety  
Senate Finance Committee  
House Appropriations Committee  
Director of Department of Planning and Budget**



October 1, 2014

Sheriff Michael J. Brown  
Bedford County Sheriff's Office

Lt. Michael J. Harmony  
SOVA-ICAC Commander



# SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE



October 1, 2014

TO: The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe  
*Governor of Virginia*

The Honorable Brian J. Moran  
*Secretary of Public Safety*

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan  
*Co-Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee*

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch  
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones  
*Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee*

Mr. Daniel Timberlake  
*Director of the Department of Planning and Budget*

Pursuant to Appropriation Act – Item 414, L.2. (Special Session I, 2014), I am respectfully submitting herewith a report on the *Actual Expenditures and Performance Results Achieved by the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force* for the Report period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Brown".

Sheriff

Bedford County, Virginia

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**REPORT ON THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE DURING THE 2014 YEAR**

**OVERVIEW OF THE TASK FORCE**

The Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, otherwise known as SOVA-ICAC, was founded in 1998 with funding from Department of Justice funding through Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention. Originally the task force name was Operation Blue Ridge Thunder. The task force designation is through the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office. Initial investigative responsibilities were investigating child sexual exploitation crimes perpetrated against children through the use of the Internet but was later changed to include most all child sexual exploitation crimes perpetrated against children to include, but not limited to, child trafficking and child prostitution.

The SOVA-ICAC is comprised of 123 affiliate agencies from all areas of Law Enforcement, the private sector and Non-Government Organizations. Law Enforcement support comes from Federal, State, County City/Local, Tribal and Military agencies.

<b>Affiliate Agency Name</b>	<b>Agency Type</b>
12th MP Detachment (CID) - US Army	Federal
Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 201-Langley Air Force Base	Federal
Albemarle County Police Department	County
Albemarle County Sheriff’s Office	County
Alleghany County Sheriff’s Office	County
Amelia County Sheriff’s Office	County
Amherst County Sheriff’s Office	County
Appalachia Police Department	City/Local
Appomattox County Sheriff’s Office	County
Augusta County Sheriff’s Office	County
Bedford County Commonwealth’s Attorney Office	County
Bedford County Sheriff’s Office	County
Bedford Police Department	City/Local
Big Stone Gap Police Department	City/Local
Blacksburg Police Department	City/Local
Bluefield Police Department	City/Local
Botetourt County Sheriff’s Office	County
Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office	County
Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office	County

	City/Local
Buena Vista Police Department	
Campbell County Sheriff's Office	County
Carroll County Sheriff's Office	County
Central Virginia Community College Police Department	State
Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy	State
Charlottesville Police Department	City/Local
Chesapeake Police Department	City/Local
Chesterfield County Police Department	County
Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol/Washington County	County
Christiansburg Police Department	City/Local
Coeburn Police Department	City/Local
Covington Police Department	City/Local
Craig County Sheriff's Office	County
Crewe Police Department	City/Local
Danville Commonwealth's Attorney Office	City/Local
Danville Police Department	City/Local
District 20 Bedford Probation and Parole	County
District 23 VA Beach Probation and Parole	City/Local
Floyd County Sheriff's Office	County
Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office	County
Franklin County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	County
Giles County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Giles County Sheriff's Office	County
Gloucester County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Gloucester County Sheriff's Office	County
Grayson County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Grayson County Sheriff's Office	County
Greater Richmond SCAN	City/Local
Greene County Sheriff's Office	County
Greensville County Sheriff's Office	County
Halifax County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Halifax County Sheriff's Office	County
Hanover County Sheriff's Office	County
Henrico County Police Department	County
Henry County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Henry County Sheriff's Office	County
James City County Police Department	County
King and Queen County Sheriff's Office	County

King George County Sheriff's Office	County
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	County
Lebanon Police Department	City/Local
Liberty University Police Department	Private
Louisa County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Louisa County Sheriff's Office	County
Lynchburg City Sheriff's Office	County
Lynchburg Police Department	County
Martinsville Police Department	City/Local
Mathews County Sheriff's Office	County
Middlesex County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Middlesex County Sheriff's Office	County
Montgomery County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	County
Naval Criminal Investigative Service - Norfolk	Federal
Nelson County Sheriff's Office	County
New Kent Sheriff's Office	County
Norfolk Police Department	City/Local
Northumberland County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Northumberland County Sheriff's Offices Office	County
Norton Police Department	City/Local
Office of the Norfolk Commonwealth Attorney Office	City/Local
Patrick County Sheriff's Office	County
Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office	County
Portsmouth Police Department	City/Local
Pound Police Department	City/Local
Powhatan Sheriff's Office	County
Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office	County
Radford Police Department	City/Local
Radford University Police Department	Private
Richmond City Police Department	City/Local
Richmond County Sheriff's Office	County
Roanoke City Sheriff's Office	County
Roanoke County Police Department	County
Rocky Mount Police Department	City/Local
Russell County Sheriff's Office	County
Saltville Police Department	City/Local
Scott County Sheriff's Office	County
Smyth County Sheriff's Office	County
Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center	State

St. Paul Police Department	City/Local
Staunton Police Department	City/Local
Tazewell County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Tazewell County Sheriff's Office	County
Tazewell Police Department	City/Local
Pulaski Police Department	City/Local
Vinton Police Department	City/Local
U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Federal
United States Attorney's Office - Eastern District	Federal
University of Virginia Police Department	State
Virginia Attorney General	State
Virginia Beach Commonwealth Attorney's Office	City/Local
Virginia Beach Police	City/Local
Washington County Sheriff's Office	County
Waynesboro Police Department	City/Local
Westmoreland County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office	County
Williamsburg Police Department	City/Local
Williamsburg/James City County Commonwealth's Attorney	City/Local
Wise County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Wise County Sheriff's Office	County
Wise Police Department	City/Local
Wythe County Sheriff's Office	County
York County Sheriff's Office	County
York-Poquoson Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County

**BUDGETARY SOVA-ICAC**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Personnel	\$697,920.00	\$386,013.57	\$311,906.43
Equipment	\$156,480.00	\$142,139.13	\$14,340.87
Supplies	\$81,800.00	\$42,737.98	\$39,062.02
Total	\$783,200.00	\$570,890.68	\$365,309.32

**PERSONNEL**

Funding in the Personnel category was allocated to pay salaries and benefits of core SOVA-ICAC personnel. Core SOVA-ICAC personnel operate out of the SOVA-ICAC office in Forest, Virginia, located within the confines of Bedford County, Virginia. ICAC personnel are

employed by the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office. The staff is comprised of a Task Force Commander, Analyst, Cyber Tip Manager and nine Investigators. The investigative team is composed to two working Sergeants, who each carry a caseload, seven Investigators (1 part-time and 6 full-time) and two full-time Forensic Examiners.

**EQUIPMENT**

Funding in the equipment category is used to purchase equipment used solely by ICAC personnel to investigate child sexual exploitation cases and prevent and or educate on child sexual exploitation to include the following:

- Computer system for processing evidence
- Miscellaneous software
- Forensics server
- Computer Hardware for Forensics Lab
- Computer Software for Forensics Lab

**SUPPLIES and OTHER EXPENSES**

Monthly recurring costs such as electric service, gas service, cellular phone contracts, copier and postage costs, alarm and building services and Internet communications services were expended from the Supplies and Other Expenses category.

- Postage
- Office Supplies
- Ink and Toner Cartridges
- Internet Service
- Wireless Service
- Electrical Service
- Land line Service
- Alarm System

**BUDGETARY SOVA-ICAC AFFILIATES**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Total	\$485,000.00	\$293,110.55	\$188,066.57

Funding for affiliates is used for the purpose of Personnel, Travel/Training and Equipment expenditures.

## **PERSONNEL**

Funds were allocated to reimburse for time worked by SOVA-ICAC affiliates. The 123 law enforcement offices affiliated with SOVA-ICAC employ these staff members, and the funds reimburse them for work performed for ICAC investigations.

## **TRAVEL/TRAINING**

Funding in the travel category is used to train and educate the members of our 123 affiliates and equip them to continue their investigations to locate those individuals who prey upon and exploit our children and secure the evidence needed to bring them to trial. Training consisted of the following:

- Peer-2-Peer Training
- Undercover Chat Training
- ICAC Investigative Techniques
- Forensics Training
- Internet Evidence Finder Training
- Data and Recover Analysis
- ICAC Unit Supervisory Training
- 2014 ICAC Conference

## **EQUIPMENT**

Funding in the equipment category is used to purchase equipment used by the SOVA-ICAC affiliates to investigate child sexual exploitation cases and prevent and or educate on child sexual exploitation. Funders were expended to purchase needed investigative equipment for affiliate investigators to include the following:

- Laptop and Desktop Computers
- Hardware and Software
- Forensic Preview Kits
- Physical Analyzer SMS
- Write Blockers
- Audio/Visual Equipment
- Faraday Box
- Forensic Recovery of Evidence Device



**Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force SOVA ICAC  
Enforcement Activities**

**July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**

**Documented Complaints**

Traveler	Proactive	25
	Reactive	16
Enticement	Proactive	77
	Reactive	210
Obscenity Directed to Minors	Proactive	33
	Reactive	286
Child Prostitution	Proactive	2
	Reactive	50
Child Pornography Manufacture	Proactive	31
	Reactive	164
Distribution	Proactive	203
	Reactive	272
Possession	Proactive	156
	Reactive	1007

**Case Information**

Case Dispositions		
	Unfounded	563
	Suspended	47
	Plea	194
	Trial	37
Submitted Federal Prosecution		26
Accepted Federal Prosecution		17
<b><u>Number of Investigations</u></b>		2532
<b><u>Arrests</u></b>		272
<b><u>Goals</u></b>		
Cyber Tips Received		878
CVIP Submissions		46
Affiliated Agencies Added		5
Child Victims Identified		54
	CVIP Cases	80
<b><u>Court Actions</u></b>		
Subpoenas or Court Orders		
	Federal	70
	State/Local	1139
<b><u>Technical Assists</u></b>		
Technical Support		1468
Forensics Exams		2121
Total Digital Medial (TB)		197.90122
<b><u>Training</u></b>		
Training Sessions Provided		75
Law Enforcement Trained		832
Prosecutors Trained		19
Other Professions Trained		81
Number Sent to ICAC Training		39

Number Sent to Other Training 73

**Community Outreach**

Presentations	411
Number of Attendees	21585
Public Events	89
Number of Attendees	7447
Public Awareness	446

Over the past 12 months the SOVA-ICAC has been working in close cooperation with DCJS to distribute funding to affiliate agencies. 2013 was our first year of working to distribute the funding. We devised a plan to distribute funding through the seven districts in three categories - personnel, equipment and travel and training. Staging the funds proved to be the easiest part of the equation. Because a large number of affiliates are small and do not participate as much as they possibly could, spending down the funds has proven to be slightly challenging. We are continuing to work with District Coordinators and affiliates to increase program participation, which will result in spending down of current and future funds in a more efficient manner.

***A few cases of interest during this reporting period include the following:***

Bedford Co. Internet Task Force Arrests Navy Pilot  
Posted: Nov 13, 2013 3:20 PM EST  
By Angela Hatcher - [bio](#) | [email](#)



Virginia Beach, VA - A United States Naval Pilot stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana has been arrested on charges relating to an alleged online relationship with a 13-year-old Bedford County girl.

Daniel Chase Harris, 30, was arrested Tuesday in Virginia Beach by the Bedford County based Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Harris is charged with multiple counts of using an electronic communications device to facilitate certain offenses against children and extortion.

Investigators from the ICAC task force, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia Beach Police Department, and Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) helped in the arrest.

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office began investigating Harris July, after they were notified by the girl's family. Investigators say that while online, Harris threatened the girl to coerce her to send him sexually explicit pictures of herself.

Investigators obtained warrants for Harris' home in Virginia Beach, where they say they collected evidence that led to the arrest. Bedford County Sheriff Mike Brown says there is evidence of more victims and more charges are pending, related to child pornography.

Harris is a Naval lieutenant, pilot, flight instructor, and Naval Academy graduate, according to Sheriff Brown. Brown says Harris confessed to the task force senior investigator.

Harris is being held without bond in Virginia Beach, awaiting transfer to the Bedford Adult Detention Center.

# Feds to take over Bedford prosecution of Navy pilot



Daniel Harris

Posted: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 9:45 am

Justin Faulconer | The (Lynchburg) News & Advance

A U.S. Navy pilot facing sex-related charges with ties to Bedford will not be prosecuted in Bedford County but will face federal charges as part of a broader investigation.

Daniel Harris, a pilot stationed in Virginia Beach, was arrested in November and charged in Bedford County with enticing a minor under age 15 to perform a sex act, using electronic means for procuring obscene material from minors, indecent liberties with a child under 15 and extortion.

Bedford Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Wes Nance has said in court that evidence shows Harris, who was 30 at the time of his arrest, was communicating with a 14-year-old girl who

lives in Bedford County. In July, Nance said Harris contacted the girl via a fake Facebook account, got her to send to send him a topless photo and threatened her until she sent more photos.

The girl told her family and authorities, and an undercover investigator from the Bedford County Sheriff's Office took over her online account, which led to the arrest, Nance has said.

Nance wrote in an email today that he informed Bedford Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge Kenneth Farrar at a preliminary hearing that he is not prosecuting state charges against Harris.

An extensive forensic evaluation was performed on digital evidence seized at Harris' home, and more potential victims were located in Virginia, elsewhere in the U.S. and in Japan, according to Nance. The Southern Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force also learned Harris was under investigation by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for a similar crime, Nance said.

Local prosecutors began conversations with federal prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia, he said.

"Our office does not have jurisdiction to charge Mr. Harris with the alleged victims located outside of Bedford County," Nance wrote in the email. "Because of the evidentiary and jurisdictional advantages of Federal Court, a federal complaint was lodged against Mr. Harris last week."

Harris will be transported into federal custody and federal indictments will be forthcoming, he said.

"Local and federal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices continue to work together on this pending matter," Nance wrote in the email.

He said he anticipates the incident involving the Bedford County girl will be included in the new federal indictments against Harris.

## County man gets nine years for distributing child pornography

By Ben Orcutt



A county man was sentenced to nine years in prison after pleading guilty last week in Chesterfield County Circuit Court to distribution and possession of child pornography. Nathaniel Andrew Toth, 25, of the 14300 block of Old Bond Street, appeared before Judge T.J. Hauler in civilian clothes and was accompanied by his attorney, John A. Rockecharlie of the Chesterfield County law firm of Bowen, Champlin, Foreman & Rockecharlie.

Hauler accepted the plea agreement fashioned by Rockecharlie and Assistant Attorney General Thomas K. “Tommy” Johnstone IV, which called for Toth to plead guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography, one count of possession of child pornography and three counts of possession of child pornography, second or subsequent offense.

The plea agreement also stipulated that Toth be sentenced to eight years in prison on the charge of distribution of child pornography, with three years suspended. In accordance with the plea agreement, Toth was sentenced to three years in prison on the four charges of possession of child pornography, with two years on each sentence suspended.

On his release from prison, Toth will be placed on supervised probation for five years. He also must register as a sex offender.

In his evidentiary summary, Johnstone told the court that last July investigators with the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force were able to access child pornography on Toth’s computer through an Internet sharing system.

Toth admitted to the offenses and using his computer and other equipment to access and download the child pornography from different websites.

Among items authorities seized during a search of Toth's residence on July 31 of last year were a Toshiba Satellite laptop computer, an Iomega external hard drive, a SanDisk Cruzer flash drive, an LG television and a Sony Playstation 3, all of which Toth agreed to forfeit to the state.

The case was investigated by the Amelia County Sheriff's Office, which is part of the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Authorities discovered that Toth had downloaded videos of children engaged in explicit sexual acts and also downloaded lewd photos. The charges to which Toth pleaded guilty involved only the videos, Johnstone said.

Rockecharlie told the court that the defense agreed with Johnstone's summary of the evidence, but expounded on the charge of distribution of child pornography to which Toth pleaded guilty.

The state was able to bring the distribution charge because authorities were able to download child pornography from Toth's computer through an Internet sharing network, Rockecharlie said.

Toth is "unsophisticated in computers" and was not purposely trying to distribute child pornography and was unaware about the sharing network by which authorities were able to download images from Toth's computer, Rockecharlie said.

No local children were part of the illegal material that authorities found on Toth's computer, Johnstone said following last week's court proceeding. The active sentence imposed on Toth is within state voluntary sentencing guidelines, Johnstone added.

"The defendant's distribution and possession of this heinous material contributes to the continued victimization of these children," Virginia Attorney General Mark R. Herring said in a news release. "Those who engage in this kind of activity rarely do it once, which is why my office works so hard with our partners across the state to put these people behind bars. I applaud the great work of the investigating officers to protect children both here in Virginia and elsewhere."

The Chesterfield County Commonwealth Attorney's Office assisted in the prosecution of the case.

Documents on file in Circuit Court indicate that Toth was found guilty in 2008 in Chesterfield County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on charges of object sexual penetration and aggravated sexual battery. The documents indicate that Toth received a 12-month suspended sentence on each charge.



## **Russell County Man Sentenced To 22 Years In Prison For Possession Of Child Pornography**

on 17 June 2014.

A Cedar Bluff, Virginia man was convicted last week on child pornography charges has been



sentenced in Russell County Court.

Steven M. Wright, age 24, will serve 22 years of his 122-year sentence with 100 years having been suspended. Wright was found guilty of 959 counts of possession of child pornography.

Upon release from prison, he will be on probation for the rest of his life and must comply with Virginia Sex Offender Registry. He was also ordered to undergo sex offender treatment.

Original Article posted in The Lebanon News on Wednesday, June 11, 2014

# **Richmond Man Previously Convicted of Aggravated Sex Crimes Against a Juvenile Sentenced for Distribution of Child Pornography**

U.S. Attorney's Office June 19, 2014 • Eastern District of Virginia (804) 819-5400  
RICHMOND, VA—Robert Cole Johnson, 55, of Richmond, Virginia, was sentenced to 180 months' imprisonment on June 18, 2014, in U.S. District Court for distributing child pornography. Dana J. Boente, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Mark Herring, Attorney General of Virginia, made the announcement after the defendant was sentenced by United States District Judge John A. Gibney.

The defendant pled guilty on March 10, 2014, to distributing child pornography. According to court documents, the defendant was identified during an undercover investigation by law enforcement officers into the trading of child pornography over the Internet. In April 2013, an officer downloaded four files depicting child pornography from a computer that was later tracked to the defendant's residence in Richmond, Virginia. Based on this information, officers obtained a search warrant for the defendant's residence, which was executed in May 2013. During the execution of the warrant, the defendant admitted searching for and downloading child pornography from the Internet. He also admitted allowing other users to download files from his computer. The defendant has prior convictions for rape, sodomy, and aggravated sexual battery of a 10-year-old female in 1985 and for failing to register properly with the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry in 2013.

The case was investigated by the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Assistant United States Attorney Tommy Johnstone of the Virginia Attorney General's Office prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae>.