



SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE



Sept 22, 2015

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
Co-Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee

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, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Respectfully,

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

Sheriff
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MJB/MJH/BCA

Enclosure

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**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, 2015

Sheriff Michael J. Brown
Bedford County Sheriff's Office

Lt. Michael J. Harmony

**REPORT ON THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND PERFORMANCE
RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE *SOUTHERN VIRGINIA INTERNET
CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE* DURING THE
2015 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 the Department of Justice through the 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 headed by the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office, and has 129 affiliate member 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.

Affiliate Agency Name	Agency Type
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
Bristol Police Department*	City/Local
Brunswick County Sheriff's Office	County
Buchanan County Sheriff's Office	County
Buckingham County Sheriff's Office*	County
Buena Vista Police Department	City/Local
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
Dinwiddie County Commonwealth's Attorney Office*	County
Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office*	County
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
Hillsville Police Department*	City/Local
Hopewell Police Department*	City/Local
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
Northampton County Sheriff's Office*	County
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	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 Police Department Office	City/Local

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

* Denotes new affiliate agency signed onto taskforce between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

BUDGETARY SOVA-ICAC

CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Personnel	\$483,200.00	\$423,935.00	\$59,265.00
Equipment	\$255,000.00	\$253,549.00	\$1,451.00
Supplies	\$45,000.00	\$43,405.00	\$1,595.00
Total	\$783,200.00	\$720,889.00	\$62,311.00

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 twelve Investigators, assigned to criminal investigations and forensic analysis. The investigative team is composed of two working Sergeants, and five Investigators. A sixth Investigator is employed by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and is embedded full-time out of the Forest, VA Task Force Office. There is also one Sergeant and three Investigators assigned to the Forensic Evidence Analysis Unit. Over the last twelve months there was a significant amount of time when positions could not be filled due to manpower issues. The costs savings in the personnel category allowed for an adjustment of funding to the equipment category and supplies category.

EQUIPMENT

Funding in the equipment category is used to purchase equipment used solely by ICAC personnel to investigate child sexual exploitation cases, and on prevention and education efforts within the community, focusing on child sexual exploitation. Equipment includes the following:

- Computer systems for processing evidence
- Miscellaneous software
- Server rack
- Two upgraded computer server systems
- Computer Hardware for Forensics Lab
- Computer Software for Forensics Lab
- Computers for Investigators
- Forensic bridge kits
- Elevator for handicap access

- Evidence Lockers and Permanent Evidence Storage Bins.
- Two trucks (for increased capacity for transporting evidence and equipment)
- Upgraded A/V equipment in training room

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
- Internet Service
- Wireless Service
- Electrical Service
- Land line Service
- Alarm System
- Batteries

BUDGETARY SOVA-ICAC AFFILIATES

CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Total	\$363,000.00	\$343689.54	\$19,310.46

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 129 law enforcement, prosecution, and victim 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 129 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
- 2015 ICAC Conference
- 2014 Crimes Against Children 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
- RIMAGE
- 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, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Documented Complaints

Traveler	Proactive	22
	Reactive	16
Enticement	Proactive	53
	Reactive	179
Obscenity Directed to Minors	Proactive	69
	Reactive	245
Child Prostitution	Proactive	7
	Reactive	18
Child Pornography Manufacture	Proactive	34
	Reactive	181
Distribution	Proactive	169
	Reactive	261
Possession	Proactive	124
	Reactive	971

Case Information

Case Dispositions	Unfounded	575
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	Suspended	78
	Plea	99
	Trial	27
Submitted Federal Prosecution		44
Accepted Federal Prosecution		14
<u>Number of Investigations</u>		2349
<u>Arrests</u>		151
<u>Goals</u>		
Cyber Tips Received		1037
CVIP Submissions		36
Affiliated Agencies Added		8
Child Victims Identified		71
	CVIP Cases	34
<u>Court Actions</u>		
Subpoenas or Court Orders		
	Federal	130
	State/Local	921
<u>Technical Assists</u>		
Technical Support		1433
Forensics Exams		2264
Total Digital Medial (GB)		139,372
<u>Training</u>		
Training Sessions Provided		90
Law Enforcement Trained		421
Prosecutors Trained		734
Other Professions Trained		93
Number Sent to ICAC Training		119
Number Sent to Other Training		101
<u>Community Outreach</u>		

Presentations	734
Number of Attendees	18039
Public Events	319
Number of Attendees	11078
Public Awareness	351

Cases of interest during the reporting period of July 2014 - June 2015 include the following:

BEDFORD Bedford, Va (News and Advance) March 9, 2015

Jury finds Navy pilot guilty of sex charges against Bedford, Roanoke victims - A federal jury on Monday found a Virginia Beach Navy pilot guilty of distributing child pornography and other online sex charges involving nine underage victims, including one girl from Bedford County and two girls from Roanoke County.

Daniel Chase Harris, 31, was convicted in U.S. District Court in Norfolk following a 12-day trial. The Bedford County Sheriff's Office arrested Harris in November 2013 after an investigation into his online activities; the case later was moved to federal court.

Harris, a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and a Top Gun instructor stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana, posed online as a teenage boy and would convince girls ages 12 to 17 to send him explicit photos of themselves, according to prosecutors' evidence. He then extorted the girls to send him additional sexually graphic photos and threatened them with posting the images online or sending the images to family and friends, a news release issued Monday from the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Virginia said.

In all, Harris was convicted on 31 counts, including production of child pornography, use of a facility of interstate commerce to entice a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity, obstruction of justice and receiving, possessing and transporting child pornography.

The other victims in the case were from outside Virginia. Homeland Security Investigations and the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in Bedford led the investigation.

Bedford County Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Wes Nance spent the better part of the three weeks assisting in prosecuting Harris and called Monday's verdict "immensely satisfying."

Nance called it a team effort and a "great day of justice for those girls," eight of whom testified during the trial, including the Bedford County victim. He added Assistant U.S.

Attorney Elizabeth Yusi, who also prosecuted the case, was a great person to “go to war with.”

There were many “logistical challenges” in bringing the case forward, he said, and the weather caused court to be canceled for two days. Harris testified for nearly two days in his defense, Nance said, and the prosecutor’s cross-examination lasted several hours.

In intensity and length, Nance said the only similar experience he had in Bedford County was prosecuting Wesley Earnest, a former educator convicted of murder in April 2010 and again in November 2010 after a mistrial. Earnest is serving life in prison for killing his wife, Jocelyn.

Nance said Harris’ conviction shows the importance of the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children task force in its mission to protect youth from sexual predators.

“And it’s a battle they are winning,” Nance said.

Harris “lured” young girls through the Internet and made them think he was a real person they had met or should know, Nance said.

“It’s also a call for parents to make sure they know what their kids are doing online,” Nance said.

Harris was sentenced to 50 years active prison sentence.

CHESTERFIELD - Chesterfield, Va WWBT NBC12 April 2, 2015

Walter Blanco-Maldonado is facing serious charges after police say they executed a search warrant at his home in the Amber Leaves Apartments – just off Walmsley Boulevard. Investigators say they found child porn items on a computer and made the arrest Thursday morning. Blanco-Maldonado is facing several child porn possession charges. Court records show he's due in court next month.

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BEDFORD COUNTY - Bedford, Va April 13, 2015

On April 17, 2015, Cameron Boyd, of Forest, VA, was arrested on charges related to the possession of child pornography.

In 2013 Cameron Boyd became a person of interest to the SOVA-ICAC when a Detective from Lynchburg Police Department downloaded child pornography from a suspect

believed to be within the city of Lynchburg. Further investigation led to the discovery that the suspect lived in Bedford County, at which point the case was referred to the Bedford Sheriff's Office.

In 2014, investigators from the Bedford County Sheriff's Offices assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force unit, executed a search warrant at the residence of Boyd, 27, of Forest, Virginia, seeking evidence related to the internet activity involving the possession of child pornography. Numerous pieces of evidence were collected, including laptop computers, and digital storage media, which were submitted for forensic analysis. Upon completion of the analysis, the case was presented to the Commonwealth's Attorney Office for review, and Boyd was subsequently indicted by a grand jury on April 3, 2015.

Lynchburg Police Department is an affiliate agency with the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which has been administered by the Bedford Sheriff's Office since the task force program was created in 1998.