

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

REPORT TO THE

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

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Sheriff Michael J. Brown
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SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE



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TO: The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe
Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Brian J. Moran
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
Co-Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee

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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 398 H.2 (*Session 2017 Budget Bill Chapter 836*), 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. J. Brown".

Sheriff
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Enclosure

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**REPORT ON THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND PERFORMANCE
RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA INTERNET
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2016-2017 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 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 comprised of 145 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. An (*) denotes an agency that joined the Task Force this past year. Two new agencies signed MOU’s, with several others renewed by new chiefs or sheriffs.

Affiliate Agency Name	Agency Type
12th MP Detachment (CID) - US Army	Federal
Accomack County Sheriff’s Office	County
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 Department of Social Services	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 Commonwealth's Attorney Office	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
Colonial Beach Police Department *	City/Local
Covington Police Department	City/Local
Craig County Sheriff's Office	County
Crewe Police Department	City/Local
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office	County
Danville Commonwealth's Attorney Office	City/Local
Danville Police Department	City/Local
Dickenson County Sheriff's Office	County
Dinwiddie County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office	County
District 20 Bedford Probation and Parole	State
District 23 VA Beach Probation and Parole	State
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
Goochland 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
Hampton Police Department	City/Local
Hanover County Sheriff's Office	County
Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney Office	County
Henrico County Police Division	County
Henry County Commonwealth 's Attorney Office	County
Henry County Sheriff's Office	County
Hillsville Police Department	City/Local
Hopewell Police Department	City/Local
Interpol	Federal
Isle of Wight 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
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 Office	City/Local
Patrick County Sheriff's Office	County
Petersburg Police Department	City/Local
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
Rich Creek Police Department	City/Local
Richmond City Police Department	City/Local
Richmond County Sheriff's Office	County
Roanoke City Police Department	City/Local
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
Suffolk 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

CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Personnel	\$994,674.00	\$617,919.29	\$376,754.71
Equipment	\$123,765.00	\$77,303.63	\$46,461.37
Supplies	\$81,561.00	\$55,307.46	\$26,253.54
Total	\$1,200,000.00	\$750,530.38	\$449,469.62

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, or affiliates who have assigned investigators to work full-time out of the SOVA-ICAC main office. The staff is comprised of a Task Force Commander, Analyst, Cyber Tip Manager and Investigators. The investigative team is composed of two units, criminal investigations and forensic examiners. In the investigations unit, there are currently two sergeants, and five investigators, one being a K9 handler. In the forensic examiner unit, there is currently one sergeant, and two forensic investigators. In the time frame covered by this report, the SOVA-ICAC main office filled three criminal investigator positions. In addition, a new position was created within the unit of Financial Analyst. This position will be

responsible for all duties related to both federal and state funding management, accounting, inventory, etc. Current vacant positions during this report time period total three, and include the Financial Analyst, Forensic Examiner, and Criminal Investigator positions. It is anticipated that the Criminal Investigator position will be filled in the beginning of the FY17-18 period, by an affiliate agency assigning an investigator to the SOVA-ICAC main office. We are also actively looking for qualified candidates to fill the other two positions.

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:

- QTS Data Storage Services
- Laptop Computers
- Miscellaneous software
- Miscellaneous cables
- Monitors, hardware and software for video conferencing capabilities
- Forensics server
- Computer Hardware for Forensics Lab
- Computer Software for Forensics Lab
- USB storage drives
- Portable Hard Drives
- ChildID supplies/equipment
- Storage totes for evidence vault
- Server installation and maintenance
- Surge Protectors
- Pelican Cases
- Network Migration Equipment and Services
- Mobile Forensic/Command Vehicle expenses

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. Other expenses include the following:

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

- Alarm System
- Elevator service (phone, repairs, etc.)

BUDGETARY SOVA-ICAC AFFILIATES

CATEGORY:	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Total	\$475,000.00	\$348,274.75	\$126,725.25

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 145 affiliated agencies with SOVA-ICAC employ these staff members, and funds are used to reimburse them for overtime work performed for ICAC investigations.

TRAVEL/TRAINING

Funding in the travel category is used to train and educate the members of our 145 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
- K9 Training
- 2016 Florida ICAC Conference
- 2016 Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference
- 2017 ICAC Conference
- Cyber tip Manager Training
- Cellebrite Training
- Guidance Forensic Software Training
- Get Data Forensic Software Training

EnCase Forensic Training
Forensic Explorer Training
XRY Forensic Training
BitTorrent Training
NW3C Cell Phone Mapping and Analysis Training
Basic Under Cover Chat Investigations
Advanced Under Cover Chat Investigations
Child Forensic Interviewing
NW3C Intermediate Data Recovery and Analysis Training
NW3C Secure Techniques for Onsite Preview Training
IACIS Basic Computer Forensic Examiner Training
SQLite Training
ICAC Investigative Techniques Training

EQUIPMENT

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

Desktop Computers
Laptop Computers
Forensic Software SMS
Forensic Falcon equipment/warranties
Computer Monitors
Computer accessories (mouse, cables, keyboards, etc.)
Office 365 software
Cellebrite UFED Touch 2 and HD Camera
USB Flash Drives (various storage sizes)
External Hard Drives (various storage sizes)
K9 Supplies
NAS Servers
Tablets
Conference Call System
UC phones and data plans
Drive Dock
Digital Voice Tracer and Document Scanner
Forensic Write Block Kits
Portable Power Packs
Memory Cards
Fluke Wi-Fi Analyzer

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

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Documented Complaints

Traveler	Proactive	21
	Reactive	13
Enticement	Proactive	31
	Reactive	183
Obscenity Directed to Minors	Proactive	25
	Reactive	167
Child Prostitution	Proactive	3
	Reactive	28
Child Pornography Manufacture	Proactive	23
	Reactive	203
Distribution	Proactive	182
	Reactive	507
Possession	Proactive	94
	Reactive	367

Case Information

Case Dispositions

	Unfounded	605
	Suspended	108
	Plea	80
	Trial	46
Submitted Federal Prosecution		44
Accepted Federal Prosecution		38
<u>Number of Investigations</u>		2,079
<u>Arrests</u>		275
<u>Goals</u>		
Cyber Tips Received		2,605
CVIP Submissions		52
Affiliated Agencies Added		2
Child Victims Identified		222
	CVIP Cases	52
<u>Court Actions</u>		
Subpoenas or Court Orders		
	Federal	66
	State/Local	1,860
<u>Technical Assists</u>		
Technical Support		1,553
Forensics Exams		3,262
Total Digital Medial (TB)		357.6
<u>Training</u>		
Training Sessions Provided		115
Law Enforcement Trained		745
Prosecutors Trained		13
Other Professions Trained		87
Number Sent to ICAC Training		111
Number Sent to Other Training		4838

Community Outreach

Presentations	226
Number of Attendees	12,388
Public Events	119
Number of Attendees	8,508
Public Awareness	548

Over the past 12 months the SOVA-ICAC has been working in close cooperation with DCJS to distribute funding to affiliate agencies. A plan to distribute funding through the seven districts in three categories - personnel, equipment and travel and training was implemented, but proved challenging, as there were additional unspent funds that also had to be spent down. We are continuing to work with District Coordinators and affiliates to utilize the funding

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



Tomas

Bedford County, VA - Paulo Tomas, 45 years old, of Cumberland, Rhode Island, was charged in December 2016 by Bedford County Sheriff's Office Investigators assigned to the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Tomas was posing as an underage boy on various social media apps such as KIK and Musical.ly. He would then solicit other children to send sexually explicit photos of themselves to him, and he would also send them sexually explicit images.

Tomas was found to be living in Rhode Island, and with the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police/ICAC Task Force, a search warrant was executed at Tomas' residence. Based on additional evidence recovered as part of that search warrant, Tomas was subsequently indicted in

Virginia with charges including COV 18.2-374.1 (Production of Child Pornography), COV 18.2-374.3 (Use of Communications Device to Commit Offenses Against Children, 1st and 2nd or subsequent offenses). Tomas was also charged by Rhode Island authorities with possession of child pornography, for files found on his devices as a result of the executed search warrant.



Kerila

Gloucester County, VA – Jeffrey Kerila, 24 years old, of Pennsylvania, was arrested by the Gloucester County Sheriff’s Office on charges related to violations of COV 18.2-374.1 (Production of Child Pornography). Investigators began looking at Kerila as a result of a Cyber tip received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Kerila used the social media app “Scout”, to contact minors to solicit sexually explicit images. Two victims from Gloucester County were under the age of 10 years old, when Kerila contacted them.

Kerila pled guilty, and received a 20-year prison sentence, with 15 years suspended. He must also register as a sex offender.



Powell

Martinsville, VA – Justin Powell, 27 years old, of Bassett, VA, was arrested in April 2017, for a violation of COV 18.2-374.3 (Use of Communications Device to Commit Offenses Against Children). Powell communicated with and sent sexually explicit images of himself to what he believed to be a minor female, but was in fact an undercover officer participating in an undercover online sting.

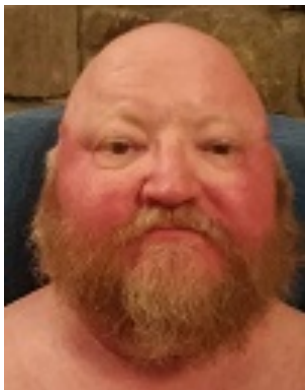
Powell worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the Henry County Sheriff’s Office, assigned to the jail as a Corrections Deputy. His trial is pending.



Nasser

Louisa County, VA - Amanda Nasser, 31 years old, was arrested in September 2016, and subsequently pled guilty to 18 charges, including four counts of violating COV 18.2-370 (Indecent Liberties) and seven counts of COV 18.2-374.3 (Use of a Communications Device to Commit Offenses Against Children).

Nasser was a sign language interpreter for a minor student at Louisa High School, and admitted to engaging in sexual intercourse with the victim at least four times, engaging in sexually explicit online chats with the victim, and sending nude photos of herself to the victim. Her sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 2017, where she faces a minimum mandatory seven years, to a maximum of 230 years in prison.



Reid

Lynchburg, VA - Justin Reid II, 56 years old, was arrested on 10 counts of COV 18.2-374.1:1 (Distribution of Child Pornography). The investigation began when Lynchburg Police Department, a member of the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, was contacted by authorities in Oklahoma with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, who, during a separate investigation had identified a subject in the Lynchburg area as participating in several online child pornography groups, and who was distributing child pornography.

Once Reid was identified as the subject, Lynchburg Police Department, with the assistance of Campbell County Sheriff's Office, also an affiliate agency on the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, simultaneously executed dual search warrants at Reid's place of employment in Lynchburg City, and at his residence in Campbell County. Reid was subsequently arrested on 10 counts of violating COV 18.2-374.1:1 (Distribution of Child Pornography).