

**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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SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE



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TO: The Honorable Glenn A. Youngkin
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Director of the Department of Planning and Budget

Pursuant to Appropriation Act – Item 394 H.2. (*Special Session 1, 2024*), 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, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Respectfully,

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

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Enclosure

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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
2023-2024 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 using 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 174 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.

Affiliate Agency Name	Agency Type
Accomack County Sheriff’s Office	County
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
Amherst Police Department	City/Local
Appalachia Police Department	City/Local
Appomattox County Sheriff’s Office	County
Augusta County Sheriff’s Office	County
Bath County Sheriff’s Office*	County
Bedford County Sheriff’s Office	County
Bedford County Department of Social Services	County
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	City/Local
Buchanan County Sheriff's Office	County
Buckingham County Sheriff's Office	County
Buena Vista Police Department	City/Local
Campbell County Sheriff's Office	County
Caroline County Sheriff's Office	County
Carroll County Sheriff's Office	County
Centra Health (Forensic Nurses for Child Sex Abuse Exams)	NGO
Central Virginia Community College Police Department	State
Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy	State
Charles City County Sheriff's Office	County
Charlottesville Police Department	City/Local
Chesapeake Police Department	City/Local
Chesterfield County Police Department	County
Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol/Washington County	NGO
Children's Trust – Child Advocacy Center	NGO
Christiansburg Police Department	City/Local
CID (ARMY): Criminal Investigative Command, HQ VA	Federal
Clifton Forge Police Department	City/Local
Coeburn Police Department	City/Local
Colonial Beach Police Department	City/Local
Colonial Heights 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 Police Department	City/Local
Dickenson County Sheriff's Office	County
Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office	County
Emporia Police Department	City/Local
Farmville Police Department	City/Local
Floyd County Sheriff's Office	County
Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office	County
Franklin City Police Department	City/Local
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	County
Galax Police Department*	City/Local
Giles County Sheriff's Office	County
Gloucester County Sheriff's Office	County

Goochland County Sheriff's Office	County
Grayson County Sheriff's Office	County
Greater Richmond SCAN	NGO
Greene County Sheriff's Office	County
Greensville County Sheriff's Office	County
Halifax County Sheriff's Office	County
Hampton Police Department	City/Local
Hanover County Sheriff's Office	County
Henrico County Police Division	County
Henry County Sheriff's Office	County
Hillsville Police Department	City/Local
Hopewell Police Department	City/Local
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 Sheriff's Office	County
Lynchburg City Sheriff's Office	City/Local
Lynchburg Police Department	City/Local
Martinsville Police Department	City/Local
Mathews County Sheriff's Office	County
Middlesex County Sheriff's Office	County
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	County
NCIS: US Naval Criminal Investigative Service - Norfolk	Federal
Nelson County Sheriff's Office	County
New Kent Sheriff's Office	County
Newport News Police Department	City/Local
Norfolk Police Department	City/Local
Northampton County Sheriff's Office	County
Northumberland County Sheriff's Offices Office	County
Norton Police Department	City/Local
Patrick County Sheriff's Office	County
Petersburg Police Department	City/Local
Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Academy	County
Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office	County

Poquoson Police Department	City/Local
Pound Police Department	City/Local
Powhatan Sheriff's Office	City/Local
Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office	County
Prince George County Police Department	County
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	County
Pulaski Police Department	City/Local
Radford Police Department	City/Local
Radford University Police Department	Private
Rich Creek Police Department	City/Local
Richlands Police Department*	City/Local
Richmond City Police Department	City/Local
Richmond County Sheriff's Office	County
Roanoke City Police Department	City/Local
Roanoke County Police Department	County
Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office	County
Rocky Mount Police Department	City/Local
Russell County Sheriff's Office	County
Salem Police Department	City/Local
Saltville Police Department	City/Local
Scott County Sheriff's Office	County
Smyth County Sheriff's Office	County
Southampton County Sheriff's Office	County
South Hill Police Department	City/Local
Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center	NGO
St. Paul Police Department	City/Local
Staunton Police Department	City/Local
Suffolk Police Department	City/Local
Tazewell County Sheriff's Office	County
Tazewell Police Department	City/Local
U.S. Department of the Air Force (USAF OSI)	Federal
U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Federal
United States Attorney's Office - Eastern District	Federal
University of Virginia Police Department	State/Private
Vinton Police Department	City/Local
Virginia Attorney General	State
Virginia Beach Police Department	City/Local
Virginia Tech Police Department*	State/Private

VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Albemarle County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Amelia County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Augusta County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Bedford County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Botetourt County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Campbell County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Chesapeake City	City/Local
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Danville City	City/Local
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Dinwiddie County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Franklin County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Giles County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Gloucester County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Goochland County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Grayson County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Halifax County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Hanover County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Henry County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Louisa County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Lynchburg City	City/Local
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Middlesex County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Montgomery County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Norfolk City	City/Local
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Northumberland County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Nottoway County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Tazewell County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Virginia Beach	City/Local
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Waynesboro City	City/Local
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Westmoreland County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Williamsburg-James City County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Wise County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: Wythe County	County
VA Commonwealth's Attorney: York-Poquoson	County
VA Department of Probation and Parole: District 20 Bedford	State
VA Department of Probation and Parole: District 23 Virginia Beach	State
Washington County Sheriff's Office	County
Waynesboro Police Department	City/Local
Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office	County
Williamsburg Police Department	City/Local

Wise County Sheriff's Office	County
Wise Police Department	City/Local
Wythe County Police Department	County
York County Police Department	County

BUDGETARY SOVA-ICAC

CATEGORY	PROJECTED FEES and Additional Funding	ACTUAL COLLECTED (w/additional funding)	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE (Collected-Expenditures)
Personnel	\$1,297,862.00	\$854,725.00	\$881,106.95	-\$26,381.95
Equipment	\$117,138.00	\$76,400.00	\$696,242.09	-\$619,842.09
Supplies	\$15,000.00	\$9,550.00	\$10,038.72	-\$488.72
Training	\$20,000.00	\$14,325.00	\$27,268.10	-\$12,943.10
Additional	\$1,646,547.00	\$1,646,547.00	-	\$1,646,547.00
Total	\$3,096,547.00	\$2,888,547.00	\$1,614,655.86	\$987,868.58

The *Projected Fees* column shows the breakdown of costs based on what the Task Force operated with in years past, when the budget was based on the “up to \$1,450,000” language as provided for in the state budget. This was when shortfalls were covered by excess funds from previous years. Due to various factors (including the pandemic) that caused a reduction in collected fees, the Task Force froze hiring, and focused on preserving staffing levels as they were. As the budget language still included “up to \$1,450,000” from the fee fund (if generated), this column displays the breakdown of the full \$1,450,000 if it was available, in addition to the additional funding provided from general funds.

The *Actual Collected* column details what was provided as collected fee funding, that was passed-through to the SOVA-ICAC Task Force, from actual fees collected. The category amounts are based on the same percentages as in the “Projected Fees” column. Actual collected fees that were passed through to the SOVA-ICAC Task Force that were collected under *Alicia’s Law*, was \$955,000. This was an increase of approximately \$57,003 over the previous year’s collected fee total of \$897,997. This equated to a yearly total available funding for this reporting period at \$2,888,547.

The *Expenditures* column details actual expenditures utilizing this funding for this reporting period.

The remaining *Balances* will continue to be used to continue current projects, and to begin new projects, to continue to update, upgrade, and modernize outdated equipment and technology, to streamline work processes, and continue to expand and support capacity on the Task Force. Examples include our Cloud Storage Project, which saw Phase One implemented. Phase Two involved the creation and testing of virtual forensic processing capability in the cloud and will be moved into full production in the next few months. In addition, we have been able to fill some vacancies, with several more slated to be filled in the next month or so. We have been able to significantly reduce a backlog on Cybertip cases awaiting review and referral and are now beginning to ramp back up our proactive investigative efforts. We are also working to update our security and access control system, as well as purchase and equip a mobile digital forensic lab. In the next year, we also hope to expand ESD-K9 capacity across the Task Force, as well as restart our tactical polygraph program.

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 Captain assigned as the Task Force Commander, a Lieutenant, three Sergeants, an accounting specialist, two Cybertip Managers, Investigators, and a LAN Manager. The investigative team is composed of two units, criminal investigations and forensic examiners. In the investigations unit, there is currently one sergeant, and four investigators. The ESD-K9 was retired, and we currently have plans to acquire a new ESD-K9 within the next year. Currently, one investigator position is reserved for affiliate agencies to assign an investigator to the main SOVA ICAC HQ office (with funding for this position allocated out of affiliate funding). This position was being filled by an investigator from Campbell County Sheriff's Office, but has been vacant for several months, due to that investigator being reassigned back to his primary agency. In the forensic examiner unit, there is currently one sergeant, and three forensic investigators. To date, vacant positions that are not currently filled are our Administrative Sergeant, one Criminal Investigators, one Forensic Examiner, one Cybertip Manager, and a LAN Manager. We have filled a Lieutenant position as well as one Cybertip Manager position since the last report. We will be filling both the Affiliate and regular Criminal Investigator positions by October 1st, 2024, so we will be at full staff on that side of our investigation's unit. We anticipate filling the remaining Forensic Examiner, Cybertip Manager, and Administrative Sergeant within the next year. In addition, the Accounting Specialist position and one civilian digital forensic examiner position were paid by for other grants and have been or will be switched to this funding source, as the grant funds have been fully spent down. On-call pay for ICAC supervisors and investigators was also paid form this funding.

EQUIPMENT/SERVICES

Funding in the equipment and services category is used to purchase equipment or services used solely by ICAC personnel to support the mission of investigating child sexual exploitation cases and prevent and/or educate on child sexual exploitation. Most of the funding spent in this category this year was for IT services, and developing and rolling-out both the Cloud Storage Project, and the beginning the Cloud Forensic Processing phase. Examples of expenses included the following:

- Replacement/Expansion Monitors
- Miscellaneous cables (ethernet, HDMI, etc.)
- Removable digital storage media (hard drives)
- Cloud storage (400TB)
- SMS renewal for various software
- Hardware upgrades and updates for server equipment and management
- External portable SSD drives, USB drives, SD Cards, etc.
- Network Migration Equipment and Services
- Azure licensing (for Cloud Project, and initiation of Forensic Processing Project)
- Managed/Contract IT services
- Fiber network interface adaptors
- Stainless Steel wire racks for storage
- Food, medicine, veterinary costs for ESD-K9 prior to retirement
- Atola multi-drive, hard drive imager

SUPPLIES, TRAINING and OTHER EXPENSES

Many of our monthly recurring costs such as electric service, gas service, cellular phone contracts, copier and postage costs, alarm and building services and Internet communications services are paid for with federal funding. Supply expenses include the following:

- Task Force Uniform replacement
- Air Filters
- Office supplies (calendars, white board markers, staples, labels, tape, etc.)
- Prime membership (savings for free shipping on items/supplies)

- Training books/manuals
- Online training/development course access
- Travel and training expenses related to ESD-K9 training
- Batteries

BUDGETARY SOVA-ICAC AFFILIATES

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Total	\$604,210.00	\$492,240.91	\$111,969.09

Funding for affiliates was used for the purpose of Personnel (\$220,188.49), Travel/Training (\$104,281.78) and Equipment/Services (\$167,770.64) expenditures. The approved budget language allocated \$604,210 for affiliates of each Task Force in Virginia (total of \$1,208,420 split between both Task Forces, each year). This is based on COV 17.1-275.12, which allocates 27.7777% of the collected fees each year, to be split between the two Task Forces for their affiliate members. The amounts allocated are based on the total fees collected assumed to also provide up to \$1,450,000 to each Task Force. However, actual fees collected only provided enough funding for the actual affiliate funding to generate approximately \$795,831, instead of the \$1,208,420. Split between the two Task Forces, this only provided approximately \$397,915 of the \$604,210 allocated for affiliate members of each Task Force, a difference of \$206,294 less that was actually collected, versus what was allocated. Currently it is our understanding there is a small surplus in the funding account for affiliate funding, from previous years'. It is also our understanding that this surplus has been used to cover the differences between actual fees collected, and the amounts allocated to each Task Force. With this in mind, we were aware any unspent affiliate funding this year would remain as unspent surplus in the account, to provide additional funds in the next year, as collected fees would likely also not be sufficient to cover the full allocated amount for each affiliate of each Task Force.

PERSONNEL

Funds were allocated to reimburse for time worked by SOVA-ICAC affiliates. The 175 affiliated agencies with SOVA-ICAC employ these staff members, and funds are used to reimburse them for overtime work performed for ICAC investigations. Funding for one affiliate position for full-time assignment to the SOVA-ICAC main task force office comes out of this funding as well. This position was filled by an investigator from the Campbell County Sheriff's Office but had been vacant for a portion of the year, due to reassignment back to his main agency. This resulted in

some vacancy savings. In addition, funding for the salary of financial analyst who supports and manages all funding for the entire task force was supported with affiliate funding.

TRAVEL/TRAINING

Funding in the travel category is used to train and educate the members of our 175 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 examples included:

National ICAC Conferences (Atlanta and Florida)
Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference
ICAC Under Cover (UC) Concepts and Techniques
Techno Forensic Conference
ADF Mobile Device Training
ESD-K9 Recertification Training
Advanced ESD-K9 Deployment Training
Windows 11 Forensic Artifacts Training
Investigative Considerations with iPhones and Other iDevices
Advanced Child Exploitation Search Warrants
Cellebrite CCO/CCPA Training
Cellebrite CPO Training
Cellebrite Mobile Forensics Fundamentals
Anti-Trafficking Alliance Conference
Child Sex Trafficking for LE and Analysts
Introduction to OS Triage
Sex Crimes 1
IACIS BCFE Training
Griffeye Analyzer Training
Griffeye Roundtable (NCMEC)
Discord 101
Graykey Training
Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Investigations Training
Magnet Summit
Child Sex Trafficking Analytical Roundtable (NCMEC)
Investigation of Android Devices and Google Ecosystems
Instructing on *Social Media Threats to Children*, for VA State SRO Basic Courses
ICAC Unit Supervisor Training
Child Abuse Symposium
Magnet Forensic 12 Month Training Pass
Intro to ICAC Training
Interview Strategies for ICAC Investigations
ICAC Investigative Techniques
SANS Forensic Training – Advanced Incident Response

EQUIPMENT/SERVICES

Funding in the equipment and services 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. New this year is mental health services being provided to all Task Force Affiliates through a program called Impact First Responders (IFR). IFR is comprised of mental health clinicians trained in the unique needs of first responders, and the cumulative trauma that first responders develop. Counseling and resiliency services are provided, to help develop and implement strategies for handling trauma and thriving professionally and personally. This is to create longevity and wellness in ICAC investigators. Task Force members can contact a clinician “off-grid” and receive six (6) free sessions per year. If additional sessions are determined to be needed by the Task Force Member and their clinician, the Task Force is billed for those additional sessions, in a way that protects the identity of the Task Force member utilizing the services. This was done to remove roadblocks and perceived stigma for seeking services. Session can be in person or remote/online. In addition, the program includes the development and training of a certified peer support team of ICAC investigators, that other Task Force members can also reach out. Funds were expended to purchase needed investigative equipment and to acquire or renew software licensing for affiliate investigators, and included items such as:

- Hard drives/digital storage devices
- UFED Software Renewals
- Griffeye Pro license renewals
- Sumuri Recon license renewal
- Cellebrite Premium licensing
- Impact First Responder (Mental Health Services)
- NAS storage server and drives
- XRY Logical & Physical License Renewal
- Computers & Accessories (laptops, forensic workstations, etc.)
- Elevator phone service/alerts and maintenance (for access to training lab)
- Atola forensic disk imager hardware licensing renewal
- Graykey licensing
- Mobile camera (Go Pro) for on-scene interviews
- Monitors
- Printers
- Secure mobile device evidence storage and charging locker
- Passware Forensic Kit and imaging hardware/connectors
- Docking stations
- Windows 11 software licenses
- RAM for computer processing expansion
- Cyacomb Examiner Plus forensic software
- Forensic write-block devices

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

Beginning in January 2024, OJJDP revised the types of data point and performance measures collected. This report will contain this data in two formats, due to each set of measures each being collected for a six-month period during this last year.

July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023

Documented Complaints

Traveler	Proactive	40
	Reactive	9
Enticement	Proactive	16
	Reactive	240
Obscenity Directed to Minors	Proactive	28
	Reactive	137
Child Sex Trafficking (changed from “Child Prostitution”)	Proactive	7
	Reactive	2

Child Pornography Manufacture	Proactive	5
	Reactive	99
Distribution	Proactive	26
	Reactive	208
Possession	Proactive	27
	Reactive	911

Case Information

Case Dispositions	Unfounded	779
	Suspended	73
	Plea	55
	Trial	20
Submitted Federal Prosecution		20
Accepted Federal Prosecution		18

Number of Investigations 1,670

Arrests 103

Goals

Cyber Tips Received	5,254
CVIP Submissions	24
Affiliated Agencies Added	4
Child Victims Identified	84

Court Actions

Subpoenas or Court Orders		
	Federal	371
	State/Local	801

Technical Assists

Technical Support		417
Forensics Exams		1,390
Total Digital Medial (TB)		425.7TB

Training

Training Sessions Provided		19
Law Enforcement Trained		223
Prosecutors Trained		0
Other Professions Trained		1
Number Sent to ICAC Training		22
Number Sent to Other Training		39

Community Outreach

Presentations		43
Number of Attendees		1,816
Public Events		33
Number of Attendees		2,093
Public Awareness		9

The following are the new performance measures and standards being collected by OJJDP, and reflect the period between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024.

Prevention Activities

Presentations	Number of Presentations	77
	Number of Attendees	2,516
Public Events	Number of Public Events	725
	Other Outreach (PSA's, Media Interviews, Social Media, etc.)	105

Documented Complaints

Citizen Complaints	340
Referrals Received (i.e., other agencies' referrals)	242
Cybertips received from NCMEC	5,085

Case information

Investigations	Resulting from complaints/Cybertips (reactive)	1,904
	Self-Initiated Investigations (proactive)	244
Arrests	Total number of Arrests	145
	Number of Arrests of Hands-on Offenders	17
Number of CVIP submissions (cases)		31

Victims

Child victims rescued from on-going abuse	12
Newly identified child victims with images	93
Newly identified child victims without images	15

Court Actions

Prosecutions	Submitted for state/local prosecution	127
	Submitted for federal prosecution	10
	Accepted for state/local prosecution	109
	Accepted for federal prosecution	12

Subpoenas/Court Orders	State/local	1,231
	Federal	353

Search Warrants	State/local	1,239
	Federal	47

Digital Forensics

Number of forensic exams on computers	192
Number of forensic exams on cell phones/tablets (combined)	732
Number of forensic exams on other digital storage devices (thumb drives, SD Cards, CD/DVDs, external hard drives, etc.)	536

Training

Personnel Sent to training	Sent to training conducted by ICAC Task Forces	39
	Sent to ICAC T&TA Training conducted by OJJDP funded providers	15
	Sent to other ICAC skills related training	34

Personnel trained by discipline	Law Enforcement	360
	Prosecutors	1
	Other professions	2

Technical Assists

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

Virginia Beach, VA

In October 2023, the Virginia Beach Police Department executed a search warrant and subsequently arrested Shannon Robbins on charges related to child pornography distribution. A tip from the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General, led them to Robbins, who was a local baseball coach. Robbins had been involved in the solicitation, distribution and financial exchanges related to child pornography involving another adult offender in Kentucky, as well as a juvenile who was self-producing and selling their own child pornography files. The Kentucky suspect had received over 200 files from Robbins, and records indicated over \$10,000 in money had been paid via payment apps for those files. Robbins was held on no bond.

Chesapeake, VA:

Emmari Frank Lopez, 20, was arrested by Chesapeake Police Department investigators on multiple charges involving enticing a minor under 15 to perform in pornography, and manufacturing child pornography. This case began from a group of 13 Cybertip reports from 5 different Electronic Service Providers who had identified ongoing online child sexual exploitation activity on their networks.

Virginia Beach, VA:

In September 2023, Virginia Police Department investigators arrested Earnest Dale Webb, Sr., on charges related to distribution of child pornography. Georgia investigators had notified Virginia Beach Police that they had been arrested a female suspect who had been selling child pornography involving her own children, ages 2, 5 and 9. She had sold the files via chat communications on Mega and used Cash App for the payments. One of the purchasing subjects was identified as Webb. During the search warrant at his residence, Webb denied any contact offending. Several

hundred child pornography files were located on his personal computer and cell phone, and Webb was subsequently arrested and held on no bond.

Albemarle, VA:

In December 2023, the Albemarle County Police Department, along with the Department of Homeland Security conducted an online operation focused on the solicitation of minors on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. During this operation, two individuals were arrested and charged. William J. Rooney, 42, of Louisa, VA, was charged with two counts of online solicitation of a minor under 15 years of age. Benjamin C. Kleiber, 44, of Ruckersville, Va., was charged with two counts of online solicitation of a minor under 15 years of age.

Virginia Beach, VA

In August 2023, an investigator with Virginia Beach Police Department was working undercover on an online chat platform, posing as a juvenile. One suspect contacted the UC persona, and began asking for nude images, and sending nude images to the UC officer. After identifying the suspect as Justin Moll, with the assistance of NCIS, they arrested and interviewed the suspect when he arrived for work at NAS Oceana. While being interviewed, Moll confessed to the chats with the UC persona, but denied any contact offenses. He agreed to a polygraph, and failing that, disclosed three sexual encounters with minors. A subsequent search warrant was executed at his residence, and additional evidence was found of additional chats involving sexual assaults against minors. Moll was held without bond.

Chesapeake, VA:

In August 2023, Chesapeake Police Department arrested Gabriel Raen Brooks, 22, who is facing 30 felony charges involving sexual assault crimes against local teenagers. Brooks used various social media platforms to meet victims and proposition them for sex, while posing as a teenager himself.

Henrico, VA

Scott Buchanon Fitzhugh, 65, was sentenced to life in prison, plus 60 years, after pleading guilty to charges of forcible sodomy. Evidence collected included hundreds of images of child pornography. One victim was a toddler with Down Syndrome.

Chesapeake, VA:

In November 2023, Chesapeake Police Department investigators arrested Jeffery Anton Burgess Jr., 32, on various charges involving the possession and distribution of child pornography, and one charge of sexual abuse of an animal. He was held without bond. This resulted from a CyberTip

report received from a member of the public.

Bedford, VA:

Tyler Andrew Carter, 21, of Bedford, was arrested in May 2024, on one count of possession of child porn. Additional indictments are pending forensics. Carter was developed as a suspect via a Cybertip, and additional evidence later discovered as part of a separate ongoing investigation, involving a family member who was victimized by an offender in Maryland, who was already arrested and extradited back to Bedford in 2023.

Fluvanna, VA

Investigators with the Fluvanna Sheriff's Office arrested Adam Clayton, 41, of Palmyra, on multiple child pornography charges. At the time of his arrest, Clayton was a Lieutenant with the Louisa County Fire Department.

Chesapeake, VA:

In April 2024, Chesapeake Police arrested Daniel Fleming, 31. Fleming had solicited an underage male for sexually explicit images and had sent sexually explicit images of himself to the victim, using Snapchat. Fleming had previously worked in a private school as a teacher and had also worked as a youth minister.

Norfolk, VA:

Zachary Allen Idzenga, 37, pled guilty in March 2024, to multiple counts of possession of child pornography. This stemmed from a case originally starting with the NY State Police ICAC, through a Cybertip they received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. It was determined Idzenga was a sailor serving in the United States Navy, and was currently stationed in Norfolk, VA. The case was referred to Norfolk, and Idzenga was subsequently arrested.

Franklin (City), VA:

As the result of an investigation involving an underage victim in Franklin, VA, the Franklin Police Department, along with assistance provided by INTERPOL and the Canadian Waterloo Regional Police Service identified Christopher Merner, 52, of Kitchener, Ontario, as a suspect in an online

child sexual exploitation case. Merner met the victim on an online chat service, and sent explicit images of himself to them, and asked the victim to send sexually explicit images of themselves back. Kerner was subsequently arrested and charged by Canadian authorities, in May of 2024. Merner was charged with offenses involving luring a child, making sexually explicit material available to a child, and indecent communications.

Virginia Beach, VA:

Kyle Lalonde, 31, was arrested in March 2024, on charges involving attempted indecent liberties with a child; enticing a minor to perform in child pornography; proposing a sex act by communication system with a child less than 15 years of age; solicitation to commit a felony; and possession of child pornography. At the time of his arrest, LaLonde was a police officer, and had been employed by the Virginia Beach Police Department for three years.

Rocky Mount, VA:

On June 3rd, 2024, a 27-year-old from Rocky Mount was indicted on 25 charges of possessing child pornography and 2 charges of sexual abuse of an animal. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that Luther Henry Wagner may be in possession of child pornography. After further investigation and the execution of search warrants, Mr. Wagner was arrested on March 25th, 2024, and charged with possession of child pornography. He has been incarcerated since his initial arrest and is being held without bond.