

**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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Bedford County Sheriff's Office

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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. (2025 Session), 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Respectfully,

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

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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 2024-2025 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 186 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
Abingdon Police Department*	City/Local
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
Bland County Sheriff's Office*	County
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
Cedar Bluff Police Department	City/Local
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
Charlotte 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
Hampden-Sydney College Police Department*	Private
Hampton Police Department	City/Local
Hanover County Sheriff's Office	County
Henrico County Police Division	County
Henry County Sheriff's Office	County
Highland 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
Lee County Sheriff's Office*	County
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
Montgomery 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
Pennington Gap Police Department*	City/Local
Petersburg Police Department	City/Local
Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Academy	County
Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office	County
Poquoson Police Department	City/Local
Portsmouth 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
South Hill Police Department	City/Local
Southampton County Sheriff's Office	County
Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center	NGO
St. Paul Police Department	City/Local
Staunton Police Department	City/Local
Suffolk Police Department	City/Local

Tappahannock 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: Pulaski 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	ESTIMATED FUNDING (from general and non- general funds)	ACTUAL FUNDING RECEIVED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE (Collected- Expenditures)
Personnel	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,345,310.55	\$154,689.45
Equipment/Supplies	\$1,496,547.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$959,029.15	\$40,970.85
Training	\$100,000.00	\$99,247.00	\$79,844.56	\$19,402.44
Total	\$3,096,547.00	\$2,599,247.00	\$2,384,184.26	\$215,062.74

The State Budget passed in the 2024 Special Session provided funding in the amount of \$1,646,547 from the general fund, and \$2,658,420 from non-general funds, for a total of \$4,304,967 for FY2025 and FY2026. Of this amount, \$3,096,547 was allocated for the Southern Virginia ICAC Task Force, and \$1,208,420 was allocated for affiliates of the two ICAC Task Forces. Due to actual fees collected from non-general funds, the Southern Virginia ICAC Task Force only received \$2,599,247 of the \$3,096,547. This was from the \$1,646,547 in general funds, and \$952,700 in non-general funds from actual fees collected.

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.

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, and Investigators. The investigative team is composed of two units, Criminal Investigations and Digital Forensics. In the Investigation's Unit, there is currently one sergeant, and six investigators. 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 is currently being filled by an investigator from Campbell County Sheriff's Office. In the Digital Forensics' examiner unit, there is currently one sergeant, and three forensic investigators. To date, the only vacant position that is not currently filled is our Administrative Sergeant. On-call and overtime pay for ICAC supervisors and investigators was also paid from 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. Examples of expenses included the following:

- Miscellaneous cables (ethernet, HDMI, etc.)
- Cloud storage (400TB)
- SMS/license 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)

- Managed/Contract IT services
- Monitors
- Tables
- Removal/installation of law enforcement equipment (i.e. radios, lights, etc.) into vehicles
- ID/Access control system printer
- Document scanner
- Tablets/phones for UC work
- Banners for public events
- AI photo editor software (for UC work)
- Two replacement undercover law enforcement vehicles
- Laptops
- Mobile Forensic Lab upfitting/buildout
- Training materials
- Security Alarm and access control system upgrades/replacements
- Chair Mats for forensic lab (for rolling chairs)
- Secure storage vaults for vehicles
- Network cabling, ethernet connectors, crimping tools, etc.

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 expenses for training and conference related travel
 - Techno Forensic Conference
 - IACIS Forensic Training
 - UC Chat School
 - Cellebrite CCO
 - Governor's Council on Reclaiming Childhood
 - SRO Basic classes (teaching ICAC block)
 - Magnet Forensics User Summit
 - EnCase Certifications
 - Cellebrite CASA

- ICAC Commander's Meeting
- ICAC national Conference
- Virginia Crimes Against Children Conference
- ICAC Investigative Techniques
- Northwest ICAC Conference
- Travel expenses related to SW/evidence collection around the Commonwealth and in other states
 - New York
 - Rhode Island
 - Missouri
 - South Carolina
- Training and conference registration fees
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- Batteries
- Annual mental wellness assessment for each member of the main office ICAC unit

BUDGETARY SOVA-ICAC AFFILIATES

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Total	\$604,210.00	\$560,479.90	\$43,730.10

Funding for affiliates was used for the purpose of Personnel (\$204,287.13), Travel/Training (\$80,480.30) and Equipment/Services (\$275,712.47) 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. Due to knowledge from previous years that collected fees were not enough to generate this full amount, and that shortfalls were covered by collected fee surpluses in earlier years, we anticipated the surplus funds would no longer be available for affiliate funding, starting sometime in 2025 or 2026. Due to this, we did not seek to spend every last dollar budgeted, knowing that any balance under this budget year would remain and be applied for the next year. In June of 2025, we were notified by DCJS that the funds collected generated total funding for affiliates in the amount of \$857,973.27, or approximately \$350,446 less than the \$1,208,420 needed for each Task Force to receive the full \$604,210 allocated in the budget. Split between the two ICAC Task Forces in Virginia, the \$857,973 in collected fees will provide approximately \$428,986 per Task Force. This is approximately \$175,224 in reduced funding, or a 30% reduction. We are anticipating this will severely hamper supporting the affiliate members of the Task Force, in the upcoming year.

PERSONNEL

Funds were allocated to reimburse for time worked by SOVA-ICAC affiliates. The 186 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 continues to be filled by an investigator from the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

TRAVEL/TRAINING

Funding in the travel category is used to train and educate the members of our 186 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:

- Cellebrite CCO
- Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference
- Virginia CIIFER Conference
- Under Cover Chat Training
- ICAC Unit Supervisor Training
- Virginia Crimes Against Children Conference
- Intro to ICAC
- Pacific Northwest ICAC Conference
- Cyacomb Examiner
- Florida ICAC Conference
- AAFS Conference
- Darknet/Darkweb Investigations
- Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) training
- Techno Forensic Conference
- Magnet Forensics
- ICAC Interview Strategies
- National ICAC Conference (Atlanta)

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. We also are continuing 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:

XRY Logical & Physical Forensic Software

Forensic workstations

Cellebrite software/hardware licensing

Forensic Imager

Samsung Tablets (for UC work)

Graykey hardware/software licensing

Monitors

External hard drives/USB drives for storage

RAID NAS servers (for storage)

Laptop computers

Desktop computers

RTX video card (to upgrade existing forensic computer)

IPEVO Camera

Magnet Griffeye licensing

Mental Wellness services/ Peer Team development and support

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

July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

This reporting period is also the first full period utilizing the new performance measures and standards being collected by OJJDP.

Prevention Activities

Presentations	Number of Presentations	81
	Number of Attendees	2,535
Diversion Activities	Diversion Activities (Count)	18
	Estimated Number of	21
	Participants at Diversion Activities	
Public Events	Number of Public Events	62
	Other Outreach (PSA's, Media Interviews, Social Media, etc.)	90

Documented Complaints

Citizen Complaints	764
Referrals Received (i.e., other agencies' referrals)	405
Cybertips received from NCMEC	12,460

Case information

Investigations	Resulting from complaints/Cybertips (reactive)	3,765
	Self-Initiated Investigations (proactive)	330
Arrests	Total number of Arrests	335
	Number of Arrests of Hands-on Offenders	45
Number of CVIP submissions (cases)		31

Victims

Child victims rescued from on-going abuse	35
Newly identified child victims with images	146
Newly identified child victims without images	35

Court Actions

Prosecutions	Submitted for state/local prosecution	254
	Submitted for federal prosecution	19
	Accepted for state/local prosecution	213
	Accepted for federal prosecution	22
Subpoenas/Court Orders	State/local	2,517
	Federal	634
Search Warrants	State/local	2,251
	Federal	25

Digital Forensics

Number of forensic exams on computers	330
Number of forensic exams on cell phones/tablets (combined)	1,284
Number of forensic exams on other	1,282

digital storage devices (thumb drives, SD Cards, CD/DVDs, external hard drives, etc.)	
Estimated number of Gigabytes Examined	805,705

Training

Personnel Sent to training		
	Sent to training conducted by ICAC Task Forces	32
	Sent to ICAC T&TA Training conducted by OJJDP funded providers	43
	Sent to other ICAC skills related training	69
Personnel trained by discipline		
	Law Enforcement	294
	Prosecutors	3
	Other professions	11

Technical Assists

Technical assists/Investigative support (For ICAC Lead and Affiliate Agencies)	897
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A few cases of interest during this reporting period include the following:

Henrico, VA

In August 2024, the Henrico Police Department conducted a search warrant as part of an investigation into multiple Cybertips. The suspect was identified as a 12-year-old male, who had been sexually abusing and producing CSAM involving a 6-year-old sibling who is autistic.

Colonial Heights, VA:

On August 5, 2024, Colonial Heights Police Investigations Division began an investigation into a child exploitation case. The investigation revealed that the suspect, Cory Beaston, a 40-year-old male, was actively soliciting a relationship with a juvenile. On August 6, 2024, Colonial Heights Police Department responded to the meeting location. Beaston was located in the parking lot and fled in a vehicle, striking two police vehicles. Beaston's vehicle was disabled, and he was apprehended in the 700 block of Southpark Boulevard.

Beaston was charged with four counts of Indecent Liberties, one count of Use of a Computer to Commit Certain Sex Offense with a Minor, one count of Take or Persuade Minor in to Prostitution, one count of Attempted Sexual Abuse of a Child, Age 13-14, one count of Keep/Reside in Bawdy Place, one count of Intentionally Damage Government Property Valued at More than \$1000, one count of Disregard Law Enforcement Commands to Stop, Endangering Persons.

Henry County, VA:

On November 1, 2024, the Henry County Sheriff's Office and Patrick County Sheriff's Office, members of the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, conducted an undercover operation targeting individuals attempting to exploit minors online. During this operation, an investigator was contacted by Mitchell R. Cook, a 29-year-old male, through an online forum. During their communications, Cook sent multiple lewd and sexually explicit messages, believing he was conversing with a 14-year-old child and attempting to arrange a meeting for a sexual encounter. Later that day, Cook traveled from Pulaski, VA, to a location in Henry County, expecting to meet the minor. Upon his arrival at the designated location, Cook was taken into custody by deputies and investigators from both the Henry County and Patrick County Sheriff's Offices without incident. Cook was charged with five counts of Virginia Code Section 18.2-374.3: Use of communications systems to facilitate certain offenses involving children.

Bedford County, VA:

In October 2024, Investigators with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, participated in an online undercover operation to identify offenders looking to prey on children online. As part of this operation, Ryan Hunter Gipson, a 34-year-old male of Greene County, Missouri, was identified. With assistance from the Missouri ICAC Task Force and the Greene County (Missouri) Sheriff's Office, Gipson was arrested on arrest warrants from Virginia and extradited to Bedford County, VA, to stand trial for the violations of Code of Virginia 18.2-374.3 (Use of communications systems to facilitate certain offenses involving children; 1 count first offense, 1 count second or subsequent offense).

Henry County, VA:

On November 20, 2024, the Henry County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in Ridgeway, Virginia, as part of an ongoing investigation into child sexual exploitation. The investigation began on August 28, 2024, when the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (SOVA-ICAC) received a Cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The tip had identified multiple files of suspected child sexual abuse material sent via private chat messages on a social media platform.

Investigators linked the activity to an IP address through an emergency disclosure request. A subsequent court order allowed Henry County investigators to obtain subscriber information from the internet service provider, confirming the account was registered to Nicholas Sean Trumble, a 36-year-old male, at the Ridgeway address.

During the November 20, 2024, search, law enforcement officers seized electronic devices, including a Motorola cellular phone belonging to Mr. Trumble. A forensic examination of the device, completed on November 26, 2024, revealed images and videos of child sexual abuse material that had been downloaded. These files depicted young children engaged in explicit sexual activity.

On November 27, 2024, Trumble was taken into custody by deputies and investigators with the Henry County Sheriff's Office without incident. Trumble has been charged with one count of 18.2-374.1:1 Possession of Child Pornography (1st offense), and seventeen counts of 18.2-374.1:1 Possession of Child Pornography (2nd or subsequent offense)

Bedford County, VA

In October 2024, Investigators with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, participated in an online undercover operation to identify offenders looking to prey on children online. As part of this operation, John H. Parker, a 66-year-old male of Ulster County, New York, was identified and ultimately charged with 10 felonies in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including violations of VA Code 18.2-374.1:1 (knowingly possess/distribute child pornography with intent to distribute - 1st count) and VA Code 18.2-374.1:1 (knowingly possess/distribute child pornography with intent to distribute - 2nd or subsequent offenses). Parker was a registered sex offender for prior convictions in New York for CSAM related offenses.

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the New York State Police ICAC Task Force for their assistance in this investigation.

Chesapeake, VA:

In October 2024, Chesapeake Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence in relation to an investigation of a Cybertip. Snapchat had reported a user was distributing CSAM, and the subsequent Cybertip was eventually sent to Chesapeake. The suspect, Jordan Palomares, a 25-year-old male, was interviewed and confessed to detectives that he had been looking at CSAM since he was 12 years old. Images depicted children as young as four years old. At the time of his arrest, Palomares was a teacher at Deep Creek Middle School, where he had been employed for one year. Among the CSAM that was located during the search warrant execution, were images of a Deep Creek Middle School student that had been taken without their knowledge. In December 2024, Palomares pled guilty to 24 counts of possessing child pornography. Sentencing is scheduled for March 2025, and he faces 5 to 20 years of incarceration.

Bedford County, VA

In October 2024, Investigators with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, participated in an online undercover operation to identify offenders looking to prey on children online. As part of this operation, Kenneth Frazier, a 29-year-old male of Georgia was identified. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation ICAC Task Force and Cobb County Sheriff's Office assisted, and the decision was ultimately made to arrest and prosecute Frazier in Georgia. Frazier was arrested on the following charges in Georgia:

- O.C.G.A. Section 16-12-100(b)(8) - Sexual Exploitation of a Child – Felony – 13 counts
- O.C.G.A. Section 16-12-100.1 – Furnishing Obscene Materials to a Minor by Computer – Misdemeanor – 10 counts
- O.C.G.A. Section 16-12-100.2(e)(1) – Computer Pornography (Obscene Contact) – Felony – 1 count
- O.C.G.A. Section 16-4-1 FEL – Criminal Attempt – Felony – 3 counts
- O.C.G.A. Section 16-12-100.3 – Obscene Telephone Child – Misdemeanor – 1 count
- O.C.G.A. Section 16-6-5 – Enticing Child – Felony – 1 count

Hampton, VA:

In March 2024, Hampton Police arrested Jaylin Chaney, 24, of Georgia. Hampton Police received a complaint in February 2024 and began investigating a suspect using social media platforms to entice a juvenile victim for explicit videos. Chaney was identified as the suspect and arrested on a total of 64 felony warrants. Working in Corporation with the Georgia ICAC Task Force and Norcross Police Department, Chaney was arrested without incident. Chaney admitted to enticing children for explicit content over a period of 6 years, and that he admitted to at least 20 victims.

Franklin County, VA

Investigators with Franklin County Sheriff's Office were sent a Cybertip by the SOVA-ICAC Task Force, on a suspect possibly manufacturing CSAM. The suspect, Colton Kennedy, was interviewed and arrested during the execution of a residential search warrant. During the interview, Kennedy admitted to producing CSAM involving a 5yo female and a 3yo male, in order to trade the CSAM with other users using the Kik messaging platform. Kennedy was charged with rape; aggravated sexual battery; and production, distribution and possession of CSAM. Investigators were able to identify another suspect that Kennedy was trading CSAM and Bestiality Pornography with, and Maxwell Slater, a 24yo male, was arrested by Iowa authorities.

Roanoke City, VA

After receiving a Cybertip from the SOVA-ICAC Task Force, Roanoke City Police executed a search warrant for evidence related to a child pornography investigation in February 2025. Logan Spencer, 28yo, was subsequently arrested on possession of child pornography charges. Additional charges were placed in May of 2025. Spencer served as the volunteer chief of the Cave Spring Rescue Squad; was employed as an emergency 911 dispatcher for Roanoke County; worked as a substitute bus driver; and had various roles at the YMCA of Virginia Blue Ridge location. He also lived blocks away from Grandin Court Elementary School.

Pulaski, VA:

The Town of Pulaski Police received a Cybertip from the SOVA-ICAC Task Force in January of 2025, concerning the downloading and possession of CSAM. They identified Kenneth James Williams III as the suspect. Williams was subsequently arrested on 50 felony counts of possession and distribution of child pornography.

Augusta County, VA:

After receiving a Cybertip from the SOVA-ICAC Task Force, the Augusta County Sheriff's Office identified Bobby A. Clinedinst, 25yo, as the primary suspect. Clinedinst was subsequently arrested on 21 felony counts of possession of child pornography, and 4 counts of sexual contact with an animal. Some of the CSAM videos depicted children engaged in sexual activity with animals.

Isle of Wight County, VA:

After receiving a Cybertip from the SOVA-ICAC Task Force, Isle of Wight investigators executed a search warrant at the residence of Joseph Wayne Clifford, 53yo, of Carrollton, VA. Clifford was

arrested on 10 felony counts of possession of child pornography. A field preview of some of Clifford's devices revealed close to 1,000,000 suspected CSAM files.

Henry County, VA:

In March 2025, Henry County investigators executed a search warrant and arrested Jabari Ross, 18yo, for 12 felony counts of possession of child pornography. Many images depicting many prepubescent children. This case began via a Cybertip from the SOVA-ICAC Task Force.

Bedford, VA:

Jack E. Smith, 82yo, of Midlothian, VA, was arrested by Bedford County Investigators assigned to the SOVA-ICAC Task Force. Smith had been communicating with what he believed to be an underage male, and subsequently traveled from Midlothian to Bedford County, where he anticipated meeting the underage male for sexual purposes, but was arrested by investigators upon arrival on charges related to online solicitation of a juvenile. Subsequently, with the assistance of Chesterfield Police, a search warrant was executed at Smith's home in Midlothian for additional evidence.