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Four Arrested in Human Trafficking Operation

DuPont- On December 19, 2019, Washington State Patrol detectives from the Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF), in collaboration with other agencies, conducted an operation focused on arresting dangerous predators whose intent was to prey on juveniles. Four people were arrested and booked into jail on several charges related to human trafficking and commercial sex abuse of a minor.

The greatest success from this operation is the recovery of an at-risk juvenile who was the victim of sex trafficking.

Suspects came from as far away as Tumwater to meet with who they thought were juveniles with the intent to commit sex acts. Detectives posed as the juveniles, no juveniles were used or at risk during the operation.

Chief Douglas Newman of DuPont Police stated “While DuPont is a safe community, we are not naive to the fact that being situated along the I-5 corridor brings with it transient crime, to include human trafficking and child predators. The safety of our children and citizens is our number one priority, and we want to send a message to anyone who is thinking of victimizing the innocent: Don’t come to DuPont to hurt our kids or our community. I would like to extend my thanks to MECTF and all of the local and federal partner agencies who participated in this operation. The DuPont Police Department is proud to be their partner in this important regional effort.”

Assisting in the operation were:

DuPont PD

Lakewood PD

Homeland Security Investigations

U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Division

U. S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Nisqually Public Safety

Federal Bureau of Investigations

MECTF’s primary mission is to proactively target those persons involved in child abuse and child exploitation via the internet.

Primary crimes investigated are:

- Human Trafficking 2nd Degree – RCW 9A.40.100(3)(a)
- Comm. Sex Abuse of a Minor – 9.68A.100
- Communicating with a Minor for Immoral Purposes- RCW 9.68A.090

The names of the individuals arrested during the operation are:

- James Victorino, 63, Lacey
- Michael Regan, 34, Tumwater
- Jared Greenwald, 26, Olympia
- Zachary Gililung, , 32 , JBLM

** The operation was conducted at a local hotel, with the consent and assistance from the hotel. Please respect their request to not be named as they do not wish to have their name released. They were helpful in removing these predators, and respectfully ask that their name and location be protected.

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