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## CCSO conducts undercover ICAC operation, makes 12 arrests since last July

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the South Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, conducted an undercover chat operation on social media, called Operation Cast Net, last July.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office revealed in a news conference on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, that 12 men were arrested for various crimes against children over the last year. This operation involved the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Investigative Services, the Forensic Services Unit, Warrant Services, Victim Advocates, SWAT, and the K-9 Unit.

"I am extremely proud of the role the Charleston County Sheriff's Office played in this operation, as well as our surrounding agencies," said Sheriff Graziano. "This joint effort made Charleston County families and children safer, and we look forward to the day when parents worry less about their kids online. Because of the hard work these officers and deputies did through this operation, we are one step closer to that goal."

Detective Jason Bowen with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office presented the results from Operation Cast Net. Detective Bowen is part of the ICAC Task Force. He also works with the Sheriff's Office Special Victim's Unit and is the handler for "Cypher," the Electronic Storage Detection K-9.

The Chief Criminal Investigator and the South Carolina ICAC Commander with the South Carolina Attorney General's office, Kevin Atkins, also spoke at the news conference on Wednesday.

Additionally, three cases were referred to other agencies for follow-up in their jurisdiction.

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Assisting agencies include the ICAC Division of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Charleston Police Department, Colleton County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security Investigations, Kershaw County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Moncks Corner Police Department, Mount Pleasant Police Department, Office of the Inspector General, the South Carolina Department of Corrections, Summerville Police Department, and the United States Secret Service.

Booking photos can be found online at <https://inmatesearch.charlestoncounty.org/>. For photos of people already released, click the "Show Past Bookings" box.

## Operation Cast Net

Charles Dorta-Bruno – Arrested 7/26/2023

- Traveled to meet a minor for sexual activity during Operation Cast Net
- Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Attempted Disseminate Obscene Material to a Minor
- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor

Juan Marcos Cotto – Arrested 7/26/2023

- Traveled to meet minor for a sexual activity during Operation Cast Net
- Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor

Jason B. Smith – 7/26/2023

- Traveled to meet a minor for sexual Activity during Operation Cast Net
- Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor

Mark D. Desrochers – Arrested 7/27/2023

- Traveled to meet minor for a sexual activity during Operation Cast Net
- Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor

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Ricardo Hernandez – Arrested 7/28/2023

- Traveled to meet a minor for sexual Activity during Operation Cast Net
- Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Resisting Arrest
- Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (two counts)
- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (two counts)

Robert William Nazzaro – Arrested 8/9/2023

- Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (two counts)
- Attempted Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor under the age of 18 (six counts)
- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (seven counts)
- Previously arrested during a SC ICAC chat operation and later convicted on April 5, 2023.
- Registered sex offender at the time of arrest and on probation.

Johnathan M. Bryant – Arrested 9/12/2023

- CCSO
  - o Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (two counts)
  - o Attempted Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor under the age of 18 (three counts)
  - o Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (ten counts)
- MPPD
  - o Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 1st Degree
  - o Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (two counts)
  - o Attempted Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor under the age of 18

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Gary Hampton – Arrested 10/16/2023

- Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Attempted Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor under the age of 18 (two counts)
- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor
- Registered sex offender at the time of arrest.
- The defendant was apprehended in his home in Kentucky during an ICAC search warrant where he was charged.
  - o Possessing material portraying a minor under 12 in a sexual performance, (five counts)
  - o Possessing material portraying a minor over 12 in a sexual performance, (15 counts)

Antwuan M. Williams – Arrested 12/1/2023

- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (two counts)

Dywan A. Evans – Arrested 1/23/2024

- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor
- Attempted Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor

Devontae Grundy – Arrested 3/7/2024

- Criminal Solicitation of a Minor

Bryan C. Smith – Arrested 3/19/2024

- Attempted Participation in the Prostitution of a Minor (two counts)
- Sex Offender Registry Violation, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (two counts)
- The defendant was previously convicted and is currently a registered sex offender.

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