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NEWS RELEASE

Online child exploitation operation nets 26 arrests

SEMINOLE CO. (March 24, 2014) -- The Seminole County Sheriff's Office today announced the results of Operation SafeNet, a multi-agency, undercover operation targeting individuals who use the internet to sexually exploit children. Law enforcement from 16 Central Florida agencies joined forces to arrest 26 individuals who traveled to and within Seminole County intending to engage in sexual activity with what they believed to be a child.

During the operation, undercover law enforcement officers chatted online, emailed, and spoke on the phone with subjects who believed they were communicating with a minor, or with an adult who had a minor available for sexual activity. Individuals arrested ranged from age 19 to 51 and included a postal worker, security guard, pizza delivery men, landscapers, and a variety of other professionals. The majority of the offenders travelled from neighboring cities and counties. The weeklong operation began on March 19th and concluded earlier this morning.

Participating agencies included: the Apopka, Casselberry, Longwood, Orlando, Oviedo, and Sanford Police Departments, the Citrus, Orange, Lake, Manatee, Osceola, Pinellas, Polk, and Volusia County Sheriff's Offices, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

All of the individuals arrested were booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. The subjects arrested last night will have first appearance today at 1:30 p.m. at the Correctional Facility. A list of all subjects arrested during the operation is attached.

Law enforcement officials recommend the following safety tips for parents:

- Communicate with your child. Talk with them about the potential dangers online and the reasons why they should be careful.
- Spend time with your child online and learn their favorite online destinations.
- Keep the computer in an area of the house where online activity can be monitored, not in

your child's bedroom.

- Use parental controls and/or blocking software.
- Instruct children not to give out personal information such as their home address, school name or telephone number, and never to arrange a meeting with someone they met online without your permission.

Additional safety information can be found in the FBI's "Parent's Guide to Internet Safety" at:
<http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide>

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