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Local Law Enforcement Agencies Partner to Combat Human Trafficking

June 7, 2018 – On Wednesday, June 6, 2018, seven local law enforcement agencies from across the Portland metro area conducted a joint mission to proactively combat human trafficking in the region, resulting in 37 individuals being charged for prostitution-related crimes.

The missions were conducted at four participating hotels and done in collaboration with regional law enforcement, criminal prosecutors, and community-based partners. The operation focused on coordinated efforts to break a link in the chain of human trafficking by enforcing state and federal laws, and developing intelligence on trafficking victims throughout the Portland metro area.

During the mission, undercover investigators communicated online with individuals seeking sexual acts in exchange for money. Investigators scheduled the encounters at area hotels and took suspects into custody when they arrived and attempted to engage in prostitution solicitation.

Participating law enforcement agencies were the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro Police Department, Lake Oswego Police Department, Oregon State Police, Portland Police Bureau, Vancouver Police Department, and Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The involved agencies wish to thank the local hotels who provided resources and assistance during this operation. For the integrity of future missions, agencies are requesting the locations not be released.