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Casa Grande Police Arrest 10 During Operation Targeting Online Predators

(Casa Grande, AZ) – On August 22nd and 23rd, 2025, the Casa Grande Police Department conducted a multi-agency operation targeting adult online predators seeking to engage in illicit sexual activities with children in the City of Casa Grande. The operation aimed to identify and apprehend predators while preventing and deterring illegal sex-related activities involving potential minor victims. All potential minor victims were portrayed in an undercover capacity by law enforcement officers.

We extend our gratitude to our partners at the Casa Grande Fire Department, Pinal County Adult Probation – Felony Apprehension Unit, Pinal County Attorney's Office, the Mesa and Chandler Police Departments, the Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security, Darkhorse Benefits, the F3 Foundation, and the Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network for their collaboration in this enforcement detail.

The two-day operation resulted in 10 suspects being arrested on 29 sexual-related felony charges. Additional charges, including misconduct with weapons, prohibited possessor violations, and possession of narcotics, were also filed against several suspects. Multiple firearms were seized during the operation.

Sexual exploitation of children affects communities everywhere, including Casa Grande and greater Pinal County. Most of the individuals arrested traveled here specifically to commit crimes, underscoring the importance of vigilance and proactive enforcement.

Chief of Police Mark McCrory stated:

"This successful luring operation is a testament to detailed planning, investigative expertise, and the unwavering commitment of our officers and collaborating partners to keep Arizona communities safer from those who prey on our children. This operation reaffirms our department's commitment to being proactive in our efforts to keep our community and some of its most vulnerable safe from predators like those arrested this weekend. I am extremely proud of the professionalism and dedication of everyone involved and look forward to hosting future operations."

Law enforcement understands the deep concerns parents and caregivers have for their children's safety, especially in a world where online anonymity can facilitate such crimes. We encourage families to stay actively involved in their children's online activities. By asking questions, setting boundaries, and utilizing available child protection resources, we can work together to create a safer environment for our kids and prevent them from becoming targets of exploitation.

To learn more about human trafficking, visit the Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network at <https://aatn.org/>. ###

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